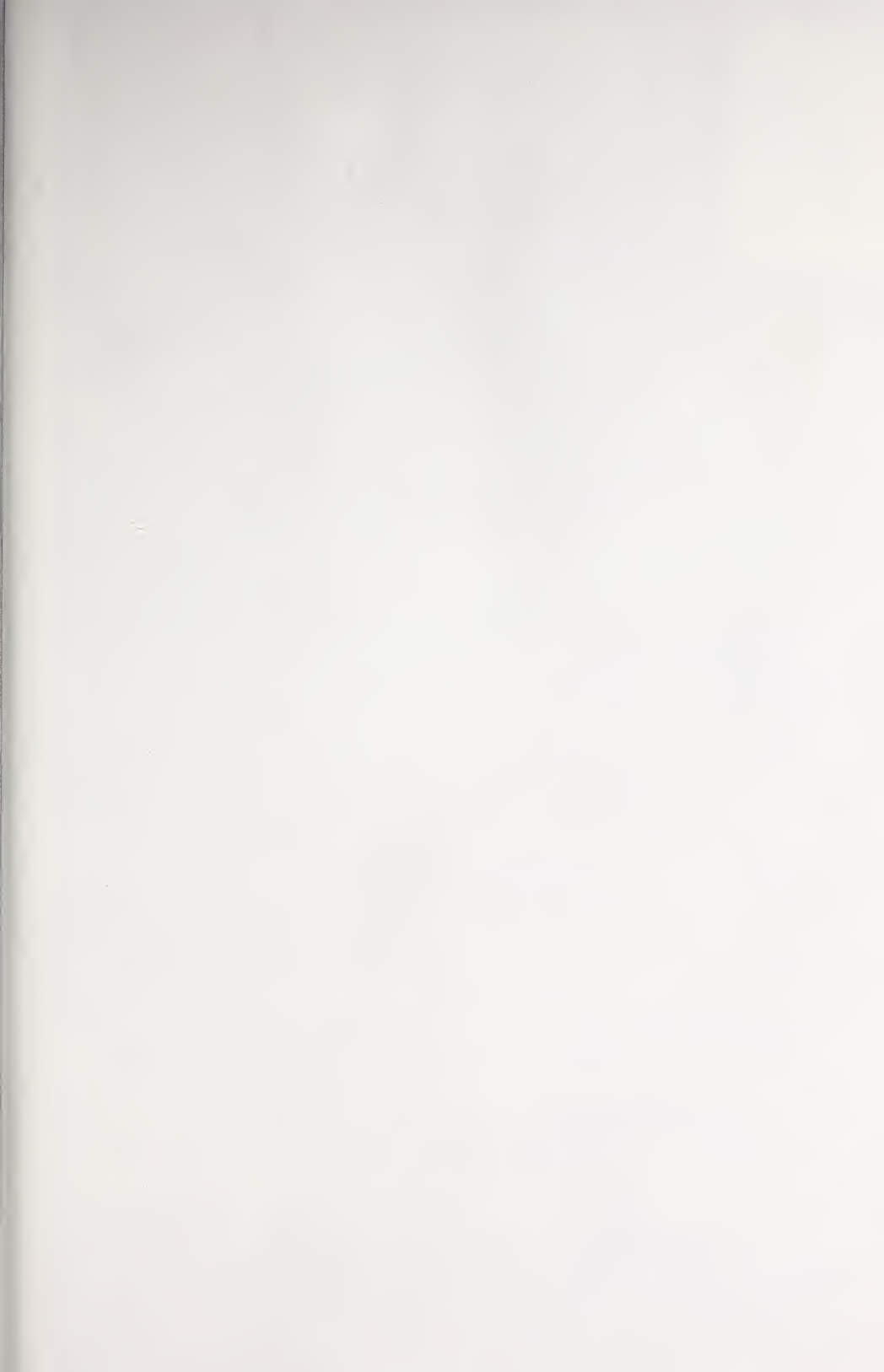




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TOWN OF
ASHFIELD
MASSACHUSETTS

ANNUAL

REPORT

1970

Annual Report

OF

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Of The Town Of

ASHFIELD

MASSACHUSETTS



for the year ending

1970

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TOWN OFFICERS

MODERATOR

HARLAN W. NYE

CLERK and TREASURER

WALTER A. WHITNEY

SELECTMEN, BOARD OF HEALTH

EDWARD W. SCOTT	Term expires 1971
RALPH L. HOWES	Term expires 1972
RAYMOND E. WARD, JR.	Term expires 1973

ASSESSORS

MALCOLM S. CLARK	Term expires 1971
RALPH L. HOWES	Term expires 1972
WARREN M. CHASE	Term expires 1973

SANDERSON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

GOUVERNEUR M. PHELPS, JR.	Term expires 1971
DOROTHY D. CRAFT	Term expires 1972
ROGER B. SCOTT	Term expires 1973

MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

GOUVERNEUR M. PHELPS, JR.	Term expires 1971
CLEMENT H. RECORD	Term expires 1971

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

WILLIAM FITZGERALD	Term expires 1971
WALTER A. WHITNEY, JR.	Term expires 1972
DOROTHY GRAY	Term expires 1973
ANN LILLY	Term expires 1974
HOPE PACKARD	Term expires 1975

FINANCE COMMITTEE

RALPH L. HOWES	Term expires 1971
EDWARD W. SCOTT	Term expires 1971
RAYMOND E. WARD, JR.	Term expires 1971
MALCOLM S. CLARK	Term expires 1971
WARREN M. CHASE	Term expires 1971

PARK COMMISSION

RAYMOND E. WARD	Term expires 1971
ALBERT PIEROPAN	Term expires 1972
DAVID H. FULLER	Term expires 1973

TAX COLLECTOR

WILLIAM G. REEVES	Term expires 1971
JANE E. WARD	Term expires 1971

CONSTABLES

EUGENE POISSANT, JR.	Term expires 1971
NORMAN B. WARD	Term expires 1971
WALTER D. ZALENSKI	Term expires 1971

AUDITOR

EUGENE R. GODIN

PLANNING BOARD

ROBERT T. DOYLE	Term expires 1971
FRANK A. ELDRIDGE	Term expires 1972
DONALD OUIMETTE	Term expires 1973
ARNOLD SLUTER	Term expires 1974
PAULINE J. NYE	Term expires 1975

BOARD OF APPEALS

WALTON F. DATER	Term expires June 1971
JOHN R. MOTT	Term expires June 1972
ROBERT J. KING	Term expires June 1973
KENNETH A. LILLY	Term expires June 1971
RALPH E. TOWNSLEY	Term expires June 1972

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

ROBERT ROBERTSON	Term expires 1971
LINWOOD B. LESURE	Term expires 1972
PHILIP DATER	Term expires 1973

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

JUNE E. FITZGERALD	C. FOWLER PICKHARDT
PHILIP L. NOLAN, JR.	WALTER A. WHITNEY

SURVEYORS OF WOOD & LUMBER

DONALD S. GRAVES	DONALD A. BURNETT
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FENCE VIEWERS

CHARLES C. GRAY	RUSSELL V. LOOMIS
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FIELD DRIVERS and POUND KEEPERS

MALCOLM S. CLARK	MERTON HOWES
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TREE WARDEN and MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

RAMON R. SEARS

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

ROBERT REIDY	ARTHUR P. SILVESTER
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FIRE CHIEF and FOREST WARDEN

ROBERT VAN IDERSTINE

INSPECTOR OF MEATS

NORMAN PIKE

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS
WILLIAM R. FITZGERALD

INSPECTOR OF WIRES
DOUGLAS H. NYE

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT
RALPH W. GRAVES

BURIAL AGENT
NORMAN PIKE

TOWN WARRANT

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Franklin ss:

To any of the Constables of the Town of Ashfield, in the County of Franklin, Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and Town Affairs, to meet in the Town Hall, in said Ashfield, on Saturday, the sixth day of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon then and there to act on the following articles:

ART. 1. To choose a Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Auditor and Tree Warden for one year. One Selectman and Member of the Board of Health, One Assessor, One member of the Ashfield School Committee, One member of the Mohawk Trail Regional School Committee and a Park Commissioner for three years. Three Constables, each for three years. A Tax Collector for two years. A Library Trustee and One Planning Board member for five years. All on one ballot and to choose all other necessary Town Officers. Polls may be closed at 6:00 P.M.

ART. 2. To act on the reports of the Town Officers.

ART. 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the use of the Tree Warden to include necessary spraying, or act relative thereto.

ART. 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the use of the Board of Health.

ART. 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury the sum of \$2,250.00 under Chapter 90. Said money to be used on the West Road in conjunction with any money which may be allotted by the State or County, or both, for this purpose, or act relative thereto.

ART. 6 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury the sum of \$10,000.00 under Chapter 90 Maintenance. Said

money to be used in conjunction with any money which may be allotted by the State or County, or both, for this purpose, or act relative thereto.

ART. 7. To see if the Town will vote to appoint the Selectmen and Assessors as the Finance Committee or take any other action relative thereto.

ART. 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the following departments for the ensuing year. The following sums are recommended by the Finance Committee:

Ashfield Police Association	\$ 1,000.00
Bonds	443.00
Bridges & Railings	200.00
Care of Soldiers' Graves	175.00
Chapter 81	3,900.00
Elections	100.00
Fires & Equipment	2,260.00
Franklin County Retirement System	6,219.80
Heating Town Hall & Fire House	900.00
Incidentals	1,200.00
Inspection of Animals	125.00
Insurance of Town Buildings & Equipment	.....
Office Expense	2,000.00
Paid Vacations & Holiday —	
Highway Dept.	2,250.00
Printing Town Reports and Ballots	.....
Registrars	150.00
Street lights	1,681.00
Town Dump	1,000.00
Town Hall	2,000.00
Town Officers	6,100.00
Veterans' Benefits	2,500.00
Western Franklin Veterans' Center,	
Maintenance	1,067.00
Winter Roads	.....
Workmen's Compensation	2,000.00

ART. 9. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue for the financial years beginning January 1, 1971 and January 1, 1972, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to renew any note or notes as

may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

ART. 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for Memorial Day, or act relative thereto.

ART. 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than the sum of \$600.00 for Park and Beach Maintenance, or act relative thereto.

ART. 12. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to contract with the Ashfield Water Company for the use of hydrants for fire protection and to raise and appropriate not more than the sum of \$375.00 for that purpose.

ART. 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than the sum of \$1,150.00 for a Life Guard and a Swimming Instructor for the Town Beach.

ART. 14. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of any used Town owned equipment, or act relative thereto.

ART. 15. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the balance of the 1970 Machinery Earnings (\$9,423.25) to the 1971 Machinery Expense Account to be used for the purpose of purchasing, repairing and operating road machinery, or act relative thereto.

ART. 16. To see if the Town will vote to grant the Highway Department one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) day sick leave per month retroactive to January 1, 1971, cumulative to thirty (30) days and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$988.20 for this purpose.

ART. 17. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 from Overlay Surplus for a Reserve Fund, or act relative thereto.

ART. 18. To see if the Town will vote to accept the List of Jurors as prepared by the Selectmen.

ART. 19. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the 1970 Ambulance Earnings and Gifts (\$964.50) and the bal-

ance of the 1970 Ambulance Maintenance Fund (\$1,014.57) to the 1971 Ambulance Maintenance Fund to be used to maintain, equip and eventually replace the Town Ambulance, or act relative thereto.

ART. 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for the Ambulance Maintenance Fund.

ART. 21. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Surplus Revenue the sum of \$20,000.00 for the purpose of financing State and County Grants for Chapter 81, Chapter 90 and Chapter 90 Maintenance Highway Work. Reimbursement, when received, to be returned to Surplus Revenue, or act relative thereto.

ART. 22. To see if the Town will vote to accept the donation of a 1971 Ploice Cruiser as a gift from the Ashfield Police Association, or take any action relative thereto.

ART. 23. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 41, Section 97A of the Acts of 1948, as revised and amended, providing for the establishment of a Police Department supervised by a Chief of Police who, along with such other officers as are deemed necessary, shall be appointed by and under the direction of the Selectmen and whose compensation shall not exceed the annual appropriation, or act relative thereto.

ART. 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,500.00 to pay the salary of the Police Chief as established at the Special Town Meeting, August 31, 1970.

ART. 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than the sum of \$2,100.00 to provide for the Town's share of the expenses of the Ashfield-Sunderland-Whately-Conway Public Health District, or act relative thereto.

ART. 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than the sum of \$167,834.19 for the support of Sandersen Academy.

ART. 27. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Mohawk Trail Regional School District Agreement by strik-

ing out Section IV (F) and inserting in place thereof the following:

(F) Terms of Payment of Apportioned Costs: Each member town shall pay to the District in each year its proportionate share, certified as provided in sub-section X(C), of the capital and operating costs. Except as otherwise provided in Sub-Section X(A), the annual share of each member town shall be paid in such amounts and at such times that at least the following percentages of such annual share shall be paid on or before the dates indicated, respectively:

January	10	20%
March	15	40%
May	15	60%
September	15	80%
November	15	100%

ART. 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$199,160.10 (Operating \$168,206.57, Capital \$21,015.40, Vocational \$9,938.13) to pay the Town's share of the 1971 capital cost and operating budget of the Mohwak Trail Regional School.

ART. 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 for the Salary and Expenses of the Director of Civilian Defense, or act relative thereto.

ART. 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25.00 for the Civilian Defense.

ART. 31. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Assessors to use the sum of \$5,000.00 from Free Cash to be applied to reduce the Tax Rate.

ART. 32. To see if the Town will raise a sum of money to paint Sanderson Academy and to authorize the Selectmen and the Town Treasurer to draw on the Frederick A. Cross General Purpose Fund for the amount necessary to pay for the work, or act relative thereto.

ART. 33. (This Article By Petition) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$137.82

to reimburse the Ashfield Historical Society, Inc., for one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of the Real Estate Tax Paid in 1970.

RALPH L. HOWES
EDWARD W. SCOTT
RAYMOND E. WARD, JR.
Selectmen of Ashfield

NOTE: The Official Town Warrant may contain an Article pertaining to acquisition of land for a landfill dump operation.

NOTE: This warrant appears as a matter of information. The Official Town Warrant may contain changes and/or additions.

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand January 1, 1970 \$138,983.43

William G. Reeves, Tax Collector:

1967 Real Estate Tax	\$ 20.40
Interest	3.47
Auto Excise Tax	37.13
Interest	6.06
Costs	3.00
1968 Real Estate Tax	2,471.22
Personal Property Tax	367.66
Interest	271.49
Auto Excise Tax	184.53
Interest	17.25
Costs	30.00
1969 Real Estate Tax	15,935.71
Personal Property Tax	1,401.05
Animal Excise Tax	311.83
Interest	740.79
Auto Excise Tax	5,477.34
Interest	26.36
Costs	116.00
1970 Real Estate Tax	33,636.69
Personal Property Tax	3,363.87
Animal Excise Tax	115.02

Auto Excise Tax	11,007.68	
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Jane E. Ward, Tax Collector:		
1966 Real Estate Tax	\$ 43.50	
1967 Real Estate Tax	51.00	
Auto Excise Tax	87.53	
Interest	20.41	
Costs	8.00	
1968 Real Estate Tax	55.50	
Personal Property Tax	647.50	
Interest	111.47	
Auto Excise Tax	90.60	
Interest	18.88	
Costs	16.00	
1969 Real Estate Tax	3,219.41	
Personal Property Tax	440.13	
Interest	275.49	
Auto Excise Tax	1,231.50	
Interest	74.37	
Costs	74.00	
1970 Real Estate Tax	197,626.05	
Personal Property Tax	27,443.51	
Animal Excise Tax	1,727.80	
Interest	88.66	
Auto Excise Tax	15,734.86	
Interest	21.13	
Costs	67.00	
	<hr/>	\$249,174.30
Treasurer of the Commonwealth:		
Chapter 90 (1967)	\$ 3,451.51	
Chapter 90 (1968)	2,502.93	
Chapter 90 Maintenance	5,000.00	
Chapter 81 (1969)	1,716.62	
Chapter 768, Sec. 4	2,750.00	
Chapter 768, Sec. 5	14,570.61	
Chapter 81 (1970)	16,551.67	
School Aid, Chapter 70	63,355.32	
School Transportation	15,315.12	
Vocational Educational Tuition	3,746.00	
Transportation	3,313.01	
Tuition Fees, Reimbursement	442.00	
Adult Education	126.00	
Occupational Education	2,401.00	
Special Education, Chapter 58	498.00	

State & Federal Aid, Regional		
School District	8,277.00	
Cafeteria Dishwasher, U. S. Grant	1,987.50	
E. S. E. A. Title II	170.29	
Hot Lunch, Reimbursement	3,984.56	
Valuation Basis	6,285.64	
Machinery Basis	311.49	
Inspection of Animals	62.50	
Veterans Benefits	715.72	
Loss of Taxes, Reimbursement	288.04	
Civil Defense Director, Reimbursement	155.04	
	<hr/>	\$157,977.57
Treasurer of Franklin County:		
Dog Tax Refund	\$ 244.70	
Dog Officer Expense	66.00	
Chapter 90 (1967)	1,725.75	
Chapter 90 (1968)	1,251.46	
Chapter 90 Maintenance	5,000.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 8,287.91
Buckland-Colrain Shelburne Regional, Tuition	302.02	
Town of Plainfield, Tuition	15,613.11	
Town of Plainfield, Use of Trucks	374.00	
Town of Goshen, Use of Trucks	54.00	
Hot Lunch Receipts	9,535.95	
Machinery Earnings	13,289.00	
Dept. of Public Works, Snow Removal	1,706.25	
Ambulance Earnings	80.00	
Ambulance Gifts	145.00	
Ambulance Gifts, Memory of George Harriman	139.00	
Ambulance Gifts, Memory of Clara Tatrow	145.00	
Ambulance Gifts, Memory of Ethel Graves	128.00	
Ambulance Gifts, Memory of Nina Jenkins	49.00	
Ambulance Gifts, Memory of Bessie Devine	145.00	
Ambulance Gifts, Memory of Mary Rich	133.50	
Collections of Public Health Nurse	459.54	
Hall Rent	76.00	
Licenses & Permits	167.55	
Building Permits	46.00	
Installers Permits	16.00	
Appeals Board Fees	90.00	
I D Gun Cards	37.00	
Dog Licenses	446.50	
Package Store Licenses	600.00	
District Court Fines	90.00	
Federal Withholding Tax	17,853.30	
Mass. Withholding Tax	3,385.10	

Retirement Deductions	2,931.82
Blue Cross Deductions	2,906.65
Sale of Town Histories	30.00
Sale of Bicentennial Programs	7.00
Sale of Street Lists	6.00
Sale of Misc. Scrap	23.92
Sale of Old Truck (Bid)	26.50
Georganna M. Gorman, Scraping Drive	12.25
Green Meadows Nursing Home, Scraping Drive	59.25
Howard C. Barnes, Reimbursement	10.15
Raymond H. Reniff, Reimbursement	5.00
Raffles Permit	10.00
Gravel	9.30
Income of Whiting Street Fund	123.80
Income of Frederick A. Cross Library Fund	256.95
Income of Cemetery Funds	166.95
Income of M. M. Belding, Jr. Fund	
For Library	89.86
For Park	89.86
William A. Hathaway Fund	20.00
Frederick A. Cross Fund	1,750.00
Cancelled Checks	142.89
Income of Charity Funds	176.20
Interest on Treasurer's Cash	909.86
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	\$704,837.99

DISBURSEMENTS

Selectmen's Orders	\$372,532.00
School Committee Orders:	
Appropriation	154,294.34
Hot Lunch	13,089.55
Special Dishwasher	1,987.50
E. S. E. A.	515.00
Title II	127.05
Smith-Hughes-George Barden Fund	2,178.00
Cash Balance	160,114.55
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	\$704,837.99

ASSETS OF THE TOWN

Cash Balance	\$160,114.55
Uncollected 1967 Tax	358.70
Uncollected 1968 Tax	1,071.66
Uncollected 1969 Tax	6,608.83
Uncollected 1970 Tax	22,001.26
Uncollected 1970 Animal Excise Tax	307.35

Uncollected 1967 Auto Excise Tax	26.40
Uncollected 1968 Auto Excise Tax	594.28
Uncollected 1969 Auto Excise Tax	939.68
Uncollected 1970 Auto Excise Tax	4,263.36
Due from the County:	
Chapter 90 Maintenance	5,000.00
Chapter 90 (1967)	4,385.40
Due from the State:	
Chapter 81	4,898.33
Chapter 90 Maintenance	5,000.00
Chapter 90 (1967)	8,690.80
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	\$224,260.60

TOWN FUNDS, DECEMBER 31, 1970

Susan H. Howes Fund	\$ 885.95
Whiting Street Fund	2,409.86
Henry Taylor Fund	3,736.62
*Major King Fund	5,336.62
Salmon Miller Fund	5,740.35
*Eliza Miller Fund	11,807.43
William A. Hathaway Fund	9,081.99
xFrederick A. Cross General Purpose Fund	49,042.41
Stabilization Fund	3,232.38
* These Funds each hold \$1,000. face value in U. S. Savings Bonds.	
x This Fund holds \$6,500. face value in U. S. Savings Bonds.	

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER A. WHITNEY,
Town Treasurer

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

1970	Name	Parents
JANUARY		
	31—Christa-Beth Farrington Nicholls	Howard R. and Gloria E. (Hall) Nicholls
FEBRUARY		
	12—Patrick Coy Donovan	Alvin C. and Norma J. (Chasse) Donovan

Nicholas G. and Patricia A. (Arvidson) Phelps

8—Kathy Ann Poissant

Eugene H. and Louise J. (Welch) Poissant, Jr.

Gary L. and Joyce E. (Stanley) Root

15—Kimberly Anne Guzewicz

Daniel J. and Randi D. (Hansen) Guzewicz

3—Linda Susan St. Jean

Ned E. and Shirley R. (Conant) St. Jean

9—Jeffrey Silbert Lanoue

Silbert R. and Cheryl D. (Ward) Lanoue, Jr.

24—Tomas Lee Pease

Douglas R. and Cheryl A. (Peabody) Pease

21—Michael Paul Atherton

Paul D. and Margaret E. (Wickline) Atherton

12—Thomas Garfield Griffin II

Paul S. and Elaine S. (Babcock) Griffin

16—David Andrew Ouimette

Donald F. and Anne M. (Powers) Ouimette

16—Padraic Barry Doyle

Robert T. and Helen E. (McCloskey) Doyle

1970

30—Lawrence N. Fuller
Ashfield, Mass.

Joanne H. Sears
Chesterfield, Mass.

2—Jonathan Philip Helms
New Haven, Conn.

Carol Ann Kuczirka
East Haven, Conn.

9—Robert Joseph Wallner
Gill, Mass.

Margery Ann Phelps
Ashfield, Mass.

19—Bruce Anthony Jenkins
Buckland, Mass.
30—Charles F. Stannard
Clinton, Conn.

Jay Ellen Zipperling
Adams, Mass.
G. Carroll Dater
Ashfield, Mass.

JUNE

13—Silbert Russell Lanoue, Jr.
Ashfield, Mass.
19—Wayne B. Gardner
Ashfield, Mass.
27—Louis E. Lane
Boston, Mass.

Cheryl Darlene Ward
Ashfield, Mass.
Rita Gougeon
Northampton, Mass.
Constance Bellows
Boston, Mass.

AUGUST

22—Richard Joseph Thompson
Northampton, Mass.
22—James Kerns Bauer
Saginaw, Mich.
30—David R. Sullivan
Ashfield, Mass.

Audrey Marion Bullard
Northampton, Mass.
Lee Parker Munroe
Ashfield, Mass.
Judith Carolyn Ciullo
Holden, Mass.

SEPTEMBER

19—Albrecht H. Kummerle
Woodbridge, Conn.

Ilze Stiebris
Woodbridge, Conn.

OCTOBER

3—Dennis W. Forgea
Cummington, Mass.
10—George F. Hinton
Chesterfield, Mass.

Donna L. Roberts
Ashfield, Mass.
June M. Fuller
Ashfield, Mass.

DECEMBER

12—Charles V. Chase
Ashfield, Mass.
27—Addison C. Hall
Ashfield, Mass.

Lynne Britt Demers
Broad Brook, Conn.
Joanna Skinger
Warren, Vt.

DEATHS

1970	Name	Yrs.	Mos.	Days
JANUARY				
14	Howard E. Tobias	63	1	2
15	Daniel J. Daley	89	9	12
23	Clifford Eugene Wells	86	2	28
FEBRUARY				
6	Mary J. (Bailey) Gagnon	71	4	20
7	Alice Raymond (Smith) King	88	8	6
11	Evelyn (Stevens) Stahlberg	77	2	28

21—James E. Breer	69	5	27
22—Anna B. (Ward) Roberts	85	7	18
27—Ethel L. (Elmer) Graves	82	9	10
MARCH			
1—Roger J. Lloyd	80	8	0
18—Ovila Veillette	69	0	24
22—Matilda (Clark) Underwood	92	9	3
27—Walter B. Mayo	75	5	0
MAY			
18—Mollie (Rice) Rich	80	11	27
JUNE			
17—Leon Arthur Stevens	82	3	5
JULY			
9—Gerald Harrison	31	1	12
14—Charles S. Pease	93	6	0
AUGUST			
4—Viva Florence Edson	86	6	22
14—Georgianna Cushway	88	11	16
11—Linda St. Jean	0	0	8
12—Clara J. T'atro	72	4	25
SEPTEMBER			
5—Rose (Chabot) Weber	89	0	12
NOVEMBER			
16—Kenneth Lundrigan, Sr.	67	1	15
DECEMBER			
2—Edward R. Roberts	79	2	1
5—Albert Timothy Mosher, Sr.	83	3	11
15—Andrew H. Schwalier	82	1	23
22—May (Otman) Baumbach	82	2	4

BALLOTING

	<i>Registered Voters</i>	<i>Votes Cast</i>
Annual Town Meeting, March 7, 1970	573	150
State Primary, September 15, 1970	597	263
State Election, November 3, 1970	606	486

DOG LICENSES ISSUED

93 Male	@ \$ 2.00	\$ 186.00
18 Female	5.00	90.00
49 Spayed Female	2.00	98.00

9 Kennel	10.00	90.00		
1 Kennel	25.00	25.00		
		<hr/>	\$	489.00
Paid Town Treasurer		\$	446.50	
Fees retained			42.50	
		<hr/>	\$	489.00

FISH AND GAME LICENSES ISSUED

19 Resident Citizen Sporting (over 70)				Free
2 Resident Military-Naval Sporting				Free
1 Resident Citizen Fishing (Paraplegic or Blind)				Free
57 Resident Citizen Fishing	@ \$5.25	\$	299.25	
74 Resident Citizen Hunting	5.25		388.50	
81 Resident Citizen Sporting	8.25		668.25	
21 Resident Citizen Minor Fishing	3.25		68.25	
21 Resident Citizen Female Fishing	4.25		89.25	
2 Resident Citizen Trapping	8.75		17.50	
10 Special Non-Resident Fishing	5.25		52.50	
2 Non-Resident Citizen Fishing	9.75		19.50	
8 Non-Resident Citizen Hunting	16.25		130.00	
5 Duplicate	.50		2.50	
8 Archery Deer Stamps	1.10		8.80	
			<hr/>	\$ 1,744.30
Paid Division of Fisheries & Game		\$	1,674.50	
Fees retained			69.80	
			<hr/>	\$ 1,744.30

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER A. WHITNEY

Town Clerk

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

The year 1970 has come and gone with the usual demands on the Selectmen's time and attention but with no unusual or startling event occurring. Probably the two most prominent steps taken were the retaining of the Consulting Engineering firm of Weston & Sampson to do a preliminary survey on the future construction of a sewerage system as required by the Division of Water Resources and the hiring of a full-time Police Chief.

The Highway Department has done its job extremely well. With an increase in personnel and the steady build-up of equipment over the last few years, they have shown the ability to come through even a major snow storm in good shape. And with the emphasis on maintenance instead of new construction, the traveling surfaces of the roads are hoped to be improved. A used half-ton truck was added to the Department's equipment in the Spring. A few major and a considerable amount of small repair jobs on the various pieces of equipment have kept it all in fairly respectable condition. A section of West Road was started with Chapter 90 monies this past year. It is expected that this section can be completed and the adjoining one started in the coming year. A set of large culverts were replaced and fill and gravel drawn onto the Pfersick Road. It is planned to hard surface the rest of this road in the not too distant future. Cape Street was officially accepted by the State this past summer and we wish the State DPW lots of luck on this one. After many requests and repeated statistical letters stating our concern, we finally succeeded in convincing the State of the need for, and they did install some Warning signs at the intersection of Rtes. 112 & 116. Results were not just what we had hoped for but it is, at least, an improvement over the previous setup.

Two special Town Meetings were held during the year. The first one, held on April 20th, listed four Articles, all having to do with the rewording of Articles passed at the Annual Town Meeting and involving the use of Chapter 768 Funds. This was done at the request of the State DPW and apparently had to be done by the majority of the Towns in the State. The second one was held on August 31st and, at a well attended meeting, it was voted to hire a full-time Police Chief and also voted to establish an annual salary to compensate for the time and services involved. It was, we believe, a step in the right direction. We are no longer a small country town where crime will go away if left alone. As we read the monthly report from the Police department, it is a satisfaction to know that a call for help will be answered promptly at any time of the day or night. It was also voted to adopt Chapter 41, Section 99 of the Acts of 1965 of the General laws which gives the Town the right to enter into

reciprocal agreements with member towns for a mutual aid set-up which is beneficial to all.

FINANCIAL CONDITION

The Town passed still another year without having to borrow money to meet current expenditures. Not since 1934 has it been obliged to incur such indebtedness. The only remaining indebtedness as of January 1, 1971 is the as yet unamortized portion (\$252,800) of the Town's share (\$321,900) of the original borrowing to construct the Mohawk Trail Regional High School. Uncollected taxes and motor vehicle excise, although in gross sum (\$36,200) the second highest within the past ten years, did not, as a proportion (10.1%) of the total due amount, exceed the average (11.9%) for that period. This seeming contradiction is, of course, largely if not entirely due to the fact that the total of real and personal property taxes assessed much more than doubled between 1963 (\$112,500) and 1970 (\$290,700).

TOWN ASSETS AND OBLIGATIONS

(As of January 1 and in thousands of dollars)

Year	ASSETS				OBLIGATIONS	
	Cash	Delinquent M. V. Excise & Taxes	County	Owed By State	Total	Total
1962	95.1	13.5	4.5	18.3	131.4	16.0
1963	88.1	16.1	5.1	26.5	135.8	14.0
1964	88.5	23.0	9.5	18.5	139.5	12.0
1965	89.5	18.6	9.7	28.3	146.1	10.0
1966	102.4	34.1	8.8	24.9	170.2	8.0
1967	127.3	29.4	7.1	16.7	180.5	6.0
1968	129.2	26.5	5.7	22.4	183.8	308.6*
1969	128.4	22.4	10.5	22.9	184.2	289.3**
1970	139.0	37.3	7.2	11.1	194.6	270.1***
1971	160.1	36.2	9.3	18.6	224.2	252.8***

* Including \$304.6 of original \$321.9 of Mohawk Trail Regional High School indebtedness

** Including \$287.3 of original \$321.9 of Mohawk Trail Regional High School indebtedness

*** Exclusively Mohawk Trail Regional High School indebtedness

Expenditures, and tax and motor vehicle excise receipts towards covering them, have continued to rise, as shown by the following table (in thousands of dollars):

PAYMENT ORDERS BY			COLLECTED	
Year	Selectmen	School Committee	Real & Personal Property	Motor Vehicle **Excise
1961	160.5	100.6	100.3	22.9
1962	168.9	110.2	101.6	23.0
1963	182.7	129.2	111.3	18.5
1964	198.6	147.5	132.4	28.1
1965	204.0	156.0	137.7	22.8
1966	217.4	169.1	153.2	29.1
1967	196.3+72.6*	183.5	186.8	32.8
1968	205.5+133.5*	161.2	225.3	29.5
1969	189.9+147.6*	165.1	252.6	27.1
1970	204.7+167.8*	172.2	288.9	33.9

* For Mohawk Trail Regional High School

** Including Farm Animal & Machinery Excise

In concluding this report, the Selectmen would like to thank the heads of the various Town Departments and their personnel for the fine cooperation they have received from them during the year. And they wish to thank the people of Ashfield for their understanding.

AMBULANCE FUND

Earnings & Gifts for 1969		\$ 1,194.75
Balance Forward from 1969		382.20
Appropriation		500.00
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		\$ 2,076.95
Art's Tire Service	\$ 88.90	
Ashfield Motor Sales	37.03	
Bennett's Garage	77.54	
Elmer's Store	5.49	
Gold Cross Medical Service	59.50	
Massamont Insurance Agency	317.65	
Merriam-Graves Corp.	21.00	
Park Sales & Service	130.00	
Supplies	6.85	
Vight's Garage	318.42	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,062.38
Unexpended Balance		\$ 1,014.57

ASHFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Appropriation		\$ 119.38
Ashfield Historical Society	\$ 119.38	<hr/>

ASHFIELD LAKE DIKE & DAM

Balance brought forward from 1969		\$ 2,060.29
Surveying — Olmer Huntley J. Assoc.	\$ 76.00	
		<u>\$ 76.00</u>
Unexpended Balance		\$ 1,984.29

BOARD OF HEALTH

Appropriation		\$ 200.00
Samuel J. Galbo, M.D.	\$ 35.00	
		<u>\$ 35.00</u>
Unexpended Balance		\$ 165.00

BONDS

Appropriation		\$ 370.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		61.00
		<u>\$ 431.00</u>
Massamont Insurance Agency	\$ 431.00	

BRIDGES & RAILINGS

Appropriation		\$ 200.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		.25
		<u>\$ 200.25</u>
R. A. Anderson — Planks	\$ 183.75	
Labor	16.50	
		<u>\$ 200.25</u>

CARE OF SOLDIERS' GRAVES

Appropriation		\$ 175.00
Ashfield Burial Ground Ass'n.	\$ 175.00	
		<u>\$ 175.00</u>

CHAPTER 81

Appropriation		\$ 3,900.00
State Allotment		21,450.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		.04
		<u>\$ 25,350.04</u>
All States Asphalt — Tar	\$ 2,625.72	
Ashfield Auto Body	5.00	
Belding Memorial Park	9.30	
Town Owned Equipment	8,495.90	
Keyes Hardware	29.67	
Labor	12,089.90	
Misco Care Co. — Brush killer	324.47	
Northeastern Culvert Corp.	225.09	
Harold Roberts — Gravel	142.05	

Warner Bros. — Bituminous concrete	417.08	
Westhampton Sand & Gravel — Stone & grits	44.78	
Bill Willard, Inc. — Grits	884.38	
Linwood Williams — Gravel	56.70	
		<hr/> \$ 25,350.04

CHAPTER 90 — CONSTRUCTION

1967

Unexpended Balance as of Dec. 31, 1969		\$ 20,296.98
Mitch Cichy	\$ 60.00	
C. A. Denison — Lumber	20.00	
Ralph Dodge	202.50	
R. Ducharme — Cement blocks	15.00	
Keyes Hardware	9.52	
Labor	4,381.00	
Wilbur Loomis	616.00	
New England Metal Culvert Co.	966.95	
James F. Pumbo	135.00	
Norman Scott — Fill	160.00	
Tobin Bros. — Cement blocks	388.43	
Town Owned Equipment	2,331.00	
Town of Plainfield	418.50	
Warner Bros. — Compressor & blasting	128.25	
Robert White	405.00	
William Whitehouse	6,223.50	
Linwood Williams — Gravel	970.95	
		<hr/> \$ 17,381.60
Unexpended Balance		<hr/> \$ 2,915.38

CHAPTER 90 — CONSTRUCTION

1968

Unexpended Balance as of Dec. 31, 1969		\$ 3,151.39
Transferred from Reserve Fund		6.68
		<hr/> \$ 3,158.07
Labor	\$ 1,879.75	
John Smith	105.00	
Town Owned Equipment	876.20	
Warner Bros.— Bituminous Conc. & Gravel	258.52	
Ralph Whiteman — Tape & level	38.60	
		<hr/> \$ 3,158.07

CHAPTER 90 — CONSTRUCTION

1969

Appropriation	\$ 7,250.00
County Allotment	7,250.00

State Allotment	14,500.00
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	\$ 29,000.00
Unexpended Balance	\$ 29,000.00

CHAPTER 90 — CONSTRUCTION
1970

Appropriation (\$2,750) from Available Funds	\$ 7,250.00
County Allotment	7,250.00
State Allotment	14,500.00
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	\$ 29,000.00
Unexpended Balance	\$ 29,000.00

CHAPTER 90 — MAINTENANCE

Appropriation	\$ 5,000.00
County Allotment	5,000.00
State Allotment	5,000.00
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	\$ 15,000.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund	2.06
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	\$ 15,002.06

Agway	\$ 11.30	
All States Asphalt Co.	625.42	
J. Hudson, Inc. — Tar	2,731.60	
Keyes Hardware — Brush killer, lime, etc.	32.94	
I. Kramer & Son — Angle iron	10.40	
Labor	6,251.80	
Lumbertown — Cement blocks	29.00	
Misco Care Co. — Brush killer	389.40	
Town Owned Equipment	3,042.00	
Warner Bros. — Bituminous concrete	1,089.21	
Bill Willard, nc. — Sand & Stone	788.99	
	<hr/>	\$ 15,002.06

CHAPTER 616 — PFERSICK ROAD

Unexpended Balance as of Dec. 31, 1969	\$ 160.41
Transferred from Reserve Fund	.09
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	\$ 160.50
Harold Roberts — Gravel	\$ 160.50

CHAPTER 768 — PFERSICK ROAD
(CULVERT)

Appropriation	\$ 3,000.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund	.01
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	\$ 3,000.01

Labor	\$ 461.80	
New England Culvert Co.	1,364.51	
Harold Roberts — Gravel	31.50	
Town Owned Equipment	253.90	
Town of Plainfield	55.80	
William Whitehouse	832.50	
	<hr/>	\$ 3,000.01

CIVIL DEFENSE

Appropriation		\$ 50.00
Unexpended Balance Forward from 1969		73.43
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		\$ 123.43
Mileage	\$ 12.15	
Supplies	11.12	
	<hr/>	\$ 23.27
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Unexpended Balance		\$ 100.16

CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR

Appropriation		\$ 300.00
Expended	\$ 300.00	<hr/>

DUMP

Appropriation		\$ 1,000.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		92.34
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		\$ 1,092.34
Agway, Inc.	\$ 3.00	
Margaret Dean — Rent	100.00	
Labor	744.20	
Mass. Dept. of Public Works	15.64	
Wallace Stroheker — sand	229.50	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,092.34

ELECTION OFFICERS

Appropriation		\$ 450.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		32.00
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		\$ 482.00
Philip Dater	\$ 27.50	
Walter Doneilo	16.50	
Frank Eldridge	11.00	
Donald Fitzgerald	81.00	
Gilbert Graves	16.50	
Leslie Guilford	64.50	
Norman Nye	81.00	
Clement Record	16.50	
Walter A. Whitney	64.50	

Walter A. Whitney, Jr.	11.00	
Walter Zalenski	81.00	
Edward Zagrubski	11.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 482.00

FIRES & EQUIPMENT

Appropriation		\$ 4,200.00
Aetna Life Ins. Co.	\$ 277.50	
Ashfield Water Co.	7.50	
Bennett's Garage	55.00	
Cromco Electronic Co.	46.14	
Farrar Co. — Primer pump	205.00	
Fire Engineering Co.	7.00	
Keyes Hardware	38.16	
Lesure's Store	23.40	
Mohawk Bldg. Co.	3.70	
Misc. Expenses — Postage, etc.	11.17	
National Fire Protection Ass'n.	30.00	
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	380.47	
So. Deerfield Fire Equip. — Hose	2,128.50	
So. Deerfield Fire Equip. — Parts & Equip.	377.73	
Tri-State Mutual	25.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 4,197.72
Unexpended Balance		\$ 2.28

FIRE STATION — PAINTING

Appropriation		\$ 450.00
Painting cost	\$ 450.00	<hr/>

HEATING TOWN HALL & FIRE STATION

Appropriation		\$ 700.00
Leo J. Burniske, Inc.	\$ 589.63	
H. A. Cranson & Son	48.50	
	<hr/>	\$ 638.13
Unexpended Balance		\$ 61.87

INCIDENTALS

Appropriation		\$ 1,200.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		42.32
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		\$ 1,242.32
Ashfield P.O. — Envelopes	\$ 72.25	
Ashfield Water Co. — Curtis Fountain	15.00	
Assessors' Schooling — Travel Exp.	66.32	
Joseph Bartlett, Town Counsel	484.18	
Board of Health Meetings — Travel Exp.	20.56	

Franklin County Board of Health Dues	6.00	
City & Town Clerks' Ass'n. Dues	2.00	
Franklin County Registry of Deeds	12.00	
Franklin County Selectmen's Ass'n. Dues	6.00	
Girl Scouts, Ashfield — Delivery Reports	20.00	
Greenfield Recorder Gazette —		
Legal Notices	26.19	
Massamont Insurance Agency — Tax		
Coll. Bond	14.00	
Mass. Arborists Ass'n. — Tree		
Warden Dues	10.00	
Mass. Assessors Ass'n. — Dues	12.00	
Mass. Collectors & Treas. Ass'n. — Dues	8.00	
Mass. Selectmen's Ass'n. — Dues	45.00	
Mass. Town Clerk's Ass'n. — Dues	10.00	
Douglas Nye — Wire inspections	28.00	
Planning Board Expenses	71.80	
Selectmen & Assessors Meetings —		
Travel Exp.	76.38	
Supplies	75.66	
Typing & Secretarial	131.48	
Walter A. Whitney — Vital Statistics &		
Magistrate Fees	29.50	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,242.32

INSPECTION OF ANIMALS

Appropriation		\$ 125.00
William Fitzgerald	\$ 125.00	<hr/>

INSPECTION OF SLAUGHTERING

Appropriation		\$ 25.00
Norman Pike	\$ 25.00	<hr/>

INSURANCE ON TOWN BUILDINGS & EQUIPMENT

Appropriation		\$ 2,800.00
Massamont Insurance Agency —		
Buildings & Property	\$ 1,838.00	
Massamont Insurance Agency —		
Equipment	894.67	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,732.67
Unexpended Balance		<hr/>
		\$ 67.33

LIFE GUARD & SWIMMING INSTRUCTION

Appropriation		\$ 1,150.00
Lifeguard & Instructors	\$ 1,150.00	<hr/>

MACHINERY EXPENSE

Transferred from 1969 Earnings	\$ 7,141.51
Transferred from 1970 Earnings	
(Special Town Meeting — Aug. 31, 1970)	6,000.00

\$ 13,141.51

Transferred from Reserve Fund	5.80
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\$ 13,147.31

Agway — Tires	\$ 321.01
H. B. Allen, Inc.	56.19
Angell's Auto Service	134.89
Lewis Armature Service	8.00
Art's Tire Service	286.72
Ashfield Auto Body	200.75
Ashfield Motor Sales	614.77
Ashfield Water Co.	9.00
Aubuchon Hdwe.	5.56
Lawrence Baum Auto. Serv.	354.23
Bennett's Garage	393.94
Frank Boudreau	15.00
Leo J. Burniske, Inc. — Gasoline	2,833.83
C. & B. Sales & Service	29.50
Carroll Bros. Express	6.82
Central Auto Body	60.00
Chotain Signs	28.00
Cowan Auto Supply	14.82
Dalton Tractor Co.	64.17
F. N. Graves & Son	1.25
Graves Equipment	1,754.81
Day's Store	111.19
Gulf Oil Corp. — Oil	181.00
Keyes Hardware	154.77
Walter Koenig — Pickup	825.00
I. Kramer & Sons	21.00
Massamont Ins. Agency	47.51
Misco Care Co.	85.04
Mohawk Bldg. Center	12.50
Munson Auto Supply	2.76
Norm's Service Station	208.37
Robert H. Nye	11.80
Robert J. Ormond — Power saw	255.45
Payroll	1,591.25
Premier Fastener Co.	459.12
Purinton Welding Co.	460.07
Rayem Enterprises	128.00
H. L. Raymond	6.54

Registry of Motor Vehicles	5.25	
Shelburne Falls Garage	13.70	
Spencer Bros.	103.02	
State Chemical Co.	108.60	
Sweeney Ford	46.04	
Willis Thayer	14.00	
Tyler Equipment	94.61	
C. W. Ward, Inc.	853.08	
Western Mass. Electric	79.53	
Ralph Whiteman	74.85	
	<hr/>	\$ 13,147.31

MEMORIAL DAY

Appropriation		\$ 200.00
American Legion Aux., Ashfield	\$ 25.00	
Doris Howes — flowers	27.90	
Mohawk Regional Band	100.00	
Veterans Service Center — flags	30.33	
	<hr/>	\$ 183.23
Unexpended Balance		\$ 16.77

MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL — CAPITAL AND OPERATING

Appropriation		\$167,812.62
Expended	\$167,812.62	<hr/>
	NURSE	
Appropriation		\$ 2,100.00
Mileage & Postage	\$ 239.56	
Office Expense & Tel. — Town of Sunderland	80.00	
Salary	1,276.25	
Typing	16.89	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,612.70
Unexpended Balance		\$ 487.30

OFFICE EXPENSE

Appropriation		\$ 2,000.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		53.05
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		\$ 2,053.05
Barrett & Baker — Office Supplies	\$ 156.32	
Burroughs Corp.	22.00	
Commonwealth of Mass. — permit forms	15.00	
Envelopes, stationery	107.55	
Greenfield Recorder Gazette — Ads, notices	43.17	
Hobbs & Warren — Legal forms	152.27	

InterTec Corp.	3.15	
A. W. LaFond	121.44	
Postage	40.90	
Print Shop — Valuation lists, street lists	452.50	
Registry of Deeds — Filing fees, etc.	65.40	
Telephone	212.20	
Typing & Secretarial	661.15	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,053.05

PAID VACATIONS & HOLIDAYS — HIGHWAY DEPT.

Appropriation		\$ 1,850.00
Expended	\$ 1,740.15	
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Unexpended Balance		\$ 109.85

PARKS & BEACH MAINTENANCE

Appropriation		\$ 400.00
Chotain Signs	\$ 35.00	
Kenneth Gilman — lettering signs	7.00	
Jarvis Welding & Mfg. Co. — Diving Board	230.00	
Keyes Hardware	2.93	
New England Telephone	26.56	
Print Shop	4.75	
Roland Taylor — mowing	35.00	
Western Mass. Electric Co.	10.96	
	<hr/>	\$ 352.20
Unexpended Balance		\$ 47.80

POLICE ASSOCIATION

Appropriation		\$ 1,500.00
Equipment	\$ 305.48	
F. C. Police Radio System	110.00	
Kenneth Howes	44.00	
Warren Kirkpatrick	128.00	
Silbert Lanoue	18.00	
Mileage	190.10	
Morgan Insurance Agency	99.00	
New England Telephone	34.50	
Office Equipment — file	9.00	
Donald Ouimette	6.00	
Eugene Poissant	78.00	
William Reeves	17.00	
Norman Scott	37.00	
Supplies	132.42	
Norman Ward	83.00	

Raymond Ward	29.00	
Walter Zalenski	179.50	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,500.00

POLICE CHIEF

Transferred from Preliminary Survey & Sewer Plans (Special Town Meeting — Aug. 31, 1970)		\$ 1,500.00
Walter D. Zalenski, Salary (Aug. 1, '70 — Dec. 31, '70)	\$ 1,458.35	
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Unexpended Balance		\$ 41.65

POLICE MOBILE RADIO, BASE, & PORTA-MOBILE

Appropriation		\$ 3,350.00
General Electric Co. (Base Sta. & Mobile)	\$ 1,920.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,920.00
Unexpended Balance		\$ 1,430.00
Porta-Mobile to be delivered — Jan. '71		

POLICE RADAR EQUIPMENT

Appropriation		\$ 2,800.00
Cromco Electronic Co.	\$ 1,485.00	
G. H. Kenney Assoc.	1,300.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,785.00
Unexpended Balance (Returned to F. Cross Fund)		\$ 15.00

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Appropriation		\$ 350.00
Compiling of Street lists	\$ 50.00	
June Fitzgerald	75.00	
Philip Nolan, Jr.	75.00	
C. Fowler Pickhardt	75.00	
Walter A. Whitney, Sr.	75.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 350.00

RENT OF HYDRANTS

Appropriation		\$ 375.00
Ashfield Water Co.	\$ 375.00	
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RESERVE FUND

Appropriation		\$ 2,000.00
Bonds	\$ 61.00	
Bridges & Railings	.25	
Chapter 81	.04	
Chapter 90 Construction - '68	6.68	
Chapter 90 Maintenance	2.06	
Chapter 616 — Pfersick Road	.09	

Chapter 768 — Pfersick Road (Culvert)	.01	
Dump	92.34	
Elections	32.00	
Incidentals	42.32	
Machinery Expense	5.80	
Office Expense	53.05	
Veterans' Benefits	316.09	
Workmen's Compensation	177.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 788.73
Unexpended Balance to Overlay Surplus		\$ 1,211.27
FRANKLIN COUNTY RETIREMENT SYSTEM — MAINTENANCE		
Appropriation		\$ 5,266.20
Expended	\$ 5,266.20	<hr/>
PRELIMINARY SURVEY & SEWER PLANS		
Appropriation		\$ 10,000.00
Transferred to Police Chief	\$ 1,500.00	
Sewer Borings	385.00	
Weston & Sampson — Survey, planning	4,725.58	
(Survey completion date — April, '71)	<hr/>	\$ 6,610.58
Unexpended Balance		\$ 3,389.42
STREET LIGHTS		
Appropriation		\$ 1,500.00
Appropriation — Spruce Corner		180.00
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		\$ 1,680.00
Western Mass. Electric Co.	\$ 1,530.64	
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Unexpended Balance		\$ 149.36
TOWN HALL		
Appropriation		\$ 2,000.00
Ashfield Water Co.	\$ 15.00	
Commonwealth of Mass. — Inspection	25.00	
Douglas Cranson — janitor	362.50	
H. A. Cranson & Son — plowing	113.00	
Keyes Hardware	23.76	
Maintenance & floor sanding	400.00	
Mohawk Building Center	91.47	
Robert H. Nye	123.03	
Western Mass. Electric Co.	389.51	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,543.27
Unexpended Balance		\$ 456.73

TOWN OFFICERS

Appropriation		\$ 6,100.00
Raise — School Committee Appropriation		225.00
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		\$ 6,325.00
Ralph L. Howes, Selectman & Assessor	\$ 900.00	
Edward W. Scott, Selectman	500.00	
Raymond E. Ward, Jr., Selectmen	416.67	
Warren M. Chase, Assessor	483.33	
Malcolm Clark, Assessor	400.00	
Walter A. Whitney, Town Clerk & Treas.	1,650.00	
William Reeves, Tax Collector	408.31	
Jane E. Ward, Tax Collector	291.69	
Robert VanIderstine, Fire Chief & Forest Warden	350.00	
Walter D. Zalenski, Police Chief	175.00	
Dorothy D. Craft, School Committee	150.00	
G. M. Phelps, School Committee	150.00	
Roger B. Scott, School Committee	150.00	
Eugene Godin, Auditor	20.00	
Harlan Nye, Moderator	20.00	
Roland Taylor, Dog Officer	20.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 6,085.00
Unexpended Balance		<hr/>
		\$ 240.00

TOWN REPORTS & BALLOTS

Appropriation		\$ 1,444.15
E. A. Hall & Co., Inc. — Printing	\$ 1,444.15	<hr/>

TREE WARDEN

Appropriation		\$ 1,000.00
Keyes Hardware	\$ 21.72	
John Meehan	419.75	
Ramon Sears	534.06	
	<hr/>	\$ 975.53
Unexpended Balance		<hr/>
		\$ 24.47

VETERANS' BENEFITS

Appropriation		\$ 1,500.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		316.09
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		\$ 1,816.09
Expended	\$ 1,816.09	<hr/>

VETERANS CENTER — MAINTENANCE

Appropriation		\$ 1,000.00
Veterans' Center	\$ 965.50	
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		\$ 965.50
Unexpended Balance		\$ 34.50

WINTER ROADS

Appropriation		\$ 25,000.00
Agway, Inc. — Calc. Chloride	\$ 19.00	
R. A. Anderson — Dozer	617.00	
Lawrence Baum	53.54	
Braun's Welding — Plow parts	183.00	
Leo J. Burniske, Inc. — Gasoline, fuel	2,739.00	
Chemical Corp. — Salt	2,122.69	
Cowan Auto Supply	18.78	
Day's Store — Gas	23.05	
Del Chemical Corp.	396.38	
International Salt Co. — Salt	176.52	
Keyes Hardware	7.05	
Labor	12,800.45	
New England Telephone	13.72	
Robert H. Nye	11.70	
Purinton Welding	93.65	
Milton Rice — Mileage	17.60	
Tri County Contractors Supply —		
Plow blades	189.75	
Tyler Equipment	65.46	
C. W. Ward, Inc.	718.49	
William Whitehouse	90.00	
Ralph W. Whiteman — Plow blades	1,254.69	
Linwood Williams — Sand	617.75	
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		\$ 22,229.27
Unexpended Balance		\$ 2,770.73

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION

Appropriation		\$ 1,850.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		177.00
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		\$ 2,027.00
Massamont Insurance Agency	\$ 2,027.00	<hr/>

SUMMARY OF SELECTMEN'S ORDERS

Abatement of Real Estate	\$ 767.47
Ambulance Fund	1,062.38
Ashfield Historical Society	119.38
Ashfield Lake Dike & Dam	76.00
Audit	272.51
Blue Cross Deductions	2,906.65
Board of Health	35.00
Bonds	431.00
Bridges & Railings	200.25
Car Excise Abatements	1,207.97
Care of Soldiers' Graves	175.00
Chapter 81 Roads	25,350.04
Chapter 90 Roads — Construction 1967	17,381.60
Chapter 90 Roads — Construction 1968	3,158.07
Chapter 90 Roads — Maintenance	15,002.06
Chapter 616 — Pfersick Road	160.50
Chapter 768 — Pfersick Road - Culvert	3,000.01
Charity	300.00
Civil Defense	23.27
Civil Defense Director	300.00
Demands — Tax Collector	310.00
Dog Licenses — Treasurer Franklin County	453.00
Dog Officer Expense	66.00
Dump	1,092.34
Election Officers	482.00
Fires & Equipment	4,197.72
Fire Station — Painting	450.00
Franklin County Tax	16,311.18
William Hathaway Fund	20.00
Heating Town Hall & Fire House	638.13
Incidentals	1,242.32
Income — M. M. Belding	89.86
Cemetery Fund	166.95
Fred Cross Library	256.95
Inspection of Animals	125.00
Inspector of Slaughtering	25.00
Insurance on Town Buildings & Equipment	2,732.67
Lifeguard & Swimming Instruction	1,150.00
Machinery Expense Account	13,147.31
Memorial Day	183.23
Mohawk Regional School	167,812.62
Motor Vehicle — State Assessment	136.35
Nurse — Ashfield Share	1,612.70
Office Expense	2,053.05
Paid Vacations & Holidays — Highway Dept.	1,740.15
Parks & Beach Maintenance	352.20

Police Association	1,500.00
Police Chief's Salary	1,458.35
Police Radios	1,920.00
Police Radar	2,785.00
Registrars	350.00
Rent of Hydrants	375.00
Retirement System — Deductions	2,951.77
Retirement System — Maintenance	5,266.20
Preliminary Survey & Sewer Plans	5,110.58
State Assessment	50.00
State Parks — Assessment	2,034.82
Street Lights	1,530.64
Town Hall	1,543.27
Town Officers	6,085.00
Town Reports & Ballots	1,444.15
Tree Warden	975.53
Veterans' Benefits	1,816.09
Veteran Center Maintenance	965.50
Winter Roads	22,229.27
Withholding Tax — Federal	17,967.20
Withholding Tax — State	3,370.74
Workmen's Compensation	2,027.00
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TOTAL	\$372,532.00

RALPH L. HOWES
EDWARD W. SCOTT
RAYMOND E. WARD, JR.
Selectmen of Ashfield

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1970

	Taxation	Available Funds
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Ambulance Maintenance Fund — Transfer		\$ 1,576.95
1969 Earnings & Gifts	\$1,194.75	
1969 Balance	382.20	
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Ambulance Maintenance Fund	\$ 500.00	
Board of Health	200.00	
Bonds	370.00	
Bridges & Railings	200.00	
Care of Soldiers' Graves	175.00	
Chapter 81	3,900.00	
Chapter 90 — Construction	4,500.00	2,750.00

Chapter 90 — Maintenance	5,000.00	
Chapter 768 — Pfersick Road - Culvert	3,000.00	
Civilian Defense	50.00	
Civil Defense Director	300.00	
Dump	1,000.00	
Elections	450.00	
Financing Highway Grants		20,000.00
Fires & Equipment	4,200.00	
Fire Station — Painting		450.00
Heating Town Hall & Fire House	700.00	
Historical Society Refund	119.38	
Incidentals	1,200.00	
Inspection of Animals	125.00	
Inspection of Meats	25.00	
Insurance on Town Buildings & Equipment	2,800.00	
Lifeguard & Swimming Instruction	1,150.00	
Machinery Expense Account, transfer		
1969 Earnings		7,141.51
Memorial Day	200.00	
Mohawk Regional School, Capital & Operating	167,812.62	
Nurse, Ashfield Share of District	2,100.00	
Office Expense	2,000.00	
Paid Vacations & Holidays, Highway Dept.	1,850.00	
Park & Beach Maintenance	400.00	
Police Association	1,500.00	
Police Radios		3,350.00
Police Radar Equipment		2,800.00
Public & Vocational Schools	160,380.07	
Registrars	350.00	
Rent of Hydrants	375.00	
Reserve Fund — Overlay Surplus		2,000.00
Retirement System, Franklin County	5,266.20	
Street Lights	1,500.00	
Street Lights (New-Spruce Corner)	180.00	
Preliminary Survey & Sewer Plans	5,000.00	5,000.00
School Committee Raise — Town Officers	225.00	
Town Hall	2,000.00	
Town Officers	6,100.00	
Town Reports & Ballots	1,444.15	
Tree Warden	1,000.00	
Veterans' Benefits	1,500.00	
Veterans Service Center, Maintenance	1,000.00	
Winter Roads	25,000.00	
Workmen's Compensation	1,850.00	

Town Meeting, March 7, 1970	Totals	\$418,997.42	\$ 45,068.46
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SPECIAL MEETING:

	Taxation	Available Funds
August 31, 1970		
Machinery Expense Account		
Transfer from Machinery Earnings, 1970		\$ 6,000.00
Police Chief Salary (Aug.-Dec., '70)		
Transfer from Preliminary Sewer Survey Plans		\$ 1,500.00
Totals	\$418,997.42	\$ 52,568.46

BOARD OF ASSESSORS' REPORT

As of January 1, 1970, the Board added about \$777,000, or 12.5 percent, to the real estate base of Ashfield. The total addition between January 1, 1966, the date of the Major revaluation, and January 1, 1970, became thus about \$2,335,000, or 50.2 percent. In 1970 there was again a large number (50) of "arms-length" real property transfers, raising the total of such transfers 1963 to 1970 inclusive, or during the eight years of rapidly advancing prices, to 396. During 1970 the Board, because of lack of time, completed only a few more cost analyses of dwellings and outbuildings, raising the total so completed to about 185. It also had underway, but incomplete, an additional some 30 such analyses. The Board feels that these transfers and analyses have enabled it to determine, as required by law, reasonably accurate "fair cash valuations" each January 1.

Although during 1970 the average price per acre paid for vacant, unimproved land continued to rise sharply, averaging about 50 percent more than during 1969, it seems that the increase in the price of homes and accompanying land was much less marked.

Year	VALUATIONS*				TAX ASSESSED*		
	Real Estate	Personal Property	Total	Tax Rate	Total Tax	Real Estate	Personal Property
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1961	1,223	296	1,517	65	99.3	79.5	19.2
1962	1,247	307	1,555	66	103.3	82.3	20.3
1963	1,290	308	1,598	70	112.5	90.3	21.5
1964	1,401	314	1,714	82	140.6	114.8	25.7
1965	1,472	297	1,769	84	148.6	123.7	24.9
1966	4,650	638	5,288	29	153.4	134.9	18.5
1967	5,202	732	5,933	34	201.7	176.9	24.9

1968	5,559	795	6,354	37	235.1	205.7	29.4
1969	6,208	805	7,013	39	266.2	235.8	31.4
1970	6,985	871	7,856	37	290.7	258.5	32.2

* Thousands of dollars

** Other than Farm Animals & Machinery

The following table illustrates the annual results of the exemption (clause 41) of real estate tax in cases of certain persons 70 years and older:

REAL PROPERTY

Year	Number of Exemptions	Valuation Exempted	Percentage of Total Valuation	
			Base	Total Tax Abated
1964	25	\$ 47,600	3.4	\$3,903
1965	25	53,800	3.7	4,523
1966	29	226,908	4.9	6,580
1967	29	234,699	4.5	7,980
1968	31	253,514	4.6	9,380
1969	30	247,491	4.0	9,652
1970	24*	203,750	2.9	7,549

* Including one '69 in '70

NUMBER OF ANIMALS ASSESSED

	1965		1970	
	Non-Farm	Excise Farm Animal	Non-Farm	Excise Farm Animal
Horses	30	41	35	16
Ponies	4	—	31	1
Dairy Cows	26	1,218	33	1,262
Bulls & Steers	4	10	1	22
Beef Cows	—	12	3	14
Oxen	8	4	4	2
Sheep	10	—	5	—
Swine	2	—	1	2
Donkeys	1	—	—	—
Goats	2	—	1	—
Fowl	100	2,964	91	217

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE

(Rate: \$66 per \$1,000)

	Number	Excise Assessed
1969 registrations in 1970	148	\$ 4,999
1970 registrations in 1970	918	35,040

ABATEMENTS

	<i>Number</i>	<i>Excise Abated</i>
Motor Vehicle Excise		
1969 in 1970	36	\$ 1,079
1970 in 1970	62	1,630
Real Estate (all)	37	8,275

Respectfully submitted,

WARREN M. CHASE
RALPH L. HOWES
MALCOLM S. CLARK
Assessors of Ashfield

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

1-1-70 — 12-31-70

1967	Motor Vehicle Excise		
	Outstanding 1-1-70		151.06
	Payment 1-1-70 to 7-31-70	37.13	
	Outstanding 7-31-70	113.93	
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	Per State Audit	151.06	151.06
	Outstanding 8-1-70		113.93
	Payment to treasurer 8-1-70 to 12-31-70	87.53	
	Outstanding 12-31-70	26.40	
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		113.93	113.93
1968	Motor Vehicle Excise		
	Outstanding 1-1-70		874.84
	To be refunded		2.00
	Payment to treasurer 1-1-70 to 7-31-70	184.53	
	Balance outstanding 7-31-70	692.31	
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	Per State Audit	876.84	876.84
	Outstanding 8-1-70		692.31
	Abated	7.43	
	Payment to treasurer 8-1-70 to 12-31-70	90.60	
	Balance Outstanding 12-31-70	594.28	
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		692.31	692.31

1969	Motor Vehicle Excise		
	Outstanding 1-1-70		3,256.47
	Commitment 1-1-70 to 7-31-70		5,078.45
	Refunded 1-1-70 to 7-31-70		256.11
	To be refunded		118.90
	Payments to treasurer 7-1-70 to 7-31-70	5,477.34	
	Abated	1,061.41	
	Outstanding 7-31-70	2,171.18	
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	Per State Audit	8,709.93	8,709.93
	Outstanding 8-1-70		2,171.18
	Paid to treasurer 8-1-70 to 12-31-70	1,231.50	
	Balance outstanding 12-31-70	939.68	
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		2,171.18	2,171.18
1970	Motor Vehicle Excise		
	Commitments 1-1-70 to 7-31-70		17,591.84
	Refunded		150.62
	Payments to treasurer 1-1-70 to 7-31-70	11,007.68	
	Abated	444.64	
	Balance Outstanding 7-31-70	6,290.14	
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	Per State Audit	17,742.46	17,742.46
	Balance Outstanding 8-1-70		6,290.14
	Commitments 8-3-70 thru 12-31-70		14,066.59
	Payment to treasurer 8-1-70 thru 12-31-70	15,734.86	
	Abatements	1,184.98	
	Refunds 8-1-70 to 12-31-70		809.02
	Abated but not refunded in 1970		17.45
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	Balance outstanding	4,263.36	
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		21,183.20	21,183.20
1966	Real Estate		
	Outstanding 1-1-70		43.50
	Payment to treasurer 1-1-70 to 7-31-70	0.00	
	Balance Outstanding 7-31-70	43.50	
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	Per State Audit	43.50	43.50
	Outstanding 8-1-70		43.50
	Payment to treasurer 8-1-70 to 12-31-70	43.50	
	Balance Outstanding 12-31-70	0.00	
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		0.00	0.00
1967	Real Estate		
	Outstanding 1-1-70		404.60
	Payment to treasurer 1-1-70 to 7-31-70	20.40	

	Balance Outstanding 7-31-70	384.20	
	Per State Audit	404.60	404.60
	Outstanding 8-1-70		384.20
	Payment to treasurer 8-1-70 to 12-31-70	51.00	
	Balance Outstanding 12-31-70	333.20	
		384.20	384.20
1968	Real Estate		
	Outstanding 1-1-70		3,145.32
	Payment to treasurer 1-1-70 to 7-31-70	2,471.22	
	Balance Outstanding 7-31-70	674.10	
	Per State Audit	3,145.32	3,145.32
	Outstanding 8-1-70		674.10
	Payment to treasurer 8-1-70 to 12-31-70	55.50	
	Balance Outstanding 12-31-70	618.60	
		674.10	674.10
1969	Real Estate		
	Outstanding 1-1-70		24,372.23
	Refund 1-1-70 to 7-31-70		243.75
	Payment to treasurer 1-1-70 to 7-31-70	15,935.71	
	Abatement 1-1-70 to 7-31-70	243.75	
	Balance Outstanding 7-31-70	8,436.52	
	Per State Audit	24,615.98	24,615.98
	Outstanding 8-1-70		8,436.52
	Payment to treasurer 8-1-70 to 12-31-70	3,219.41	
	Balance Outstanding 12-31-70	5,217.11	
		8,436.52	8,436.52
1970	Real Estate		
	Outstanding 1-1-70		224,823.17
	Omitted Property		27.75
	Payment to treasurer 8-1-70 to 12-31-70	197,626.05	
	To be refunded in 1971		399.74
	Refunded	1.00	523.72
	Abatements	7,866.28	
	Balance Outstanding 12-31-70	20,281.05	
		225,774.38	225,774.38
1967	Personal Property		
	Outstanding 1-1-70		25.50
	Payment to treasurer 1-1-70 to 7-31-70	0.00	
	Balance Outstanding 7-31-70	25.50	
	Per State Audit	25.50	25.50

	Outstanding 8-1-70		25.50
	Payment to treasurer 8-1-70 to 12-31-70	0.00	
	Balance outstanding 12-31-70	25.50	
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		25.50	25.50
1968	Personal Property		
	Outstanding 1-1-70		1,468.22
	Payment to treasurer 1-1-70 to 7-31-70	367.66	
	Balance outstanding 7-31-70	1,100.56	
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	Per State Audit	1,468.22	1,468.22
	Outstanding 8-1-70		1,100.56
	Payment to treasurer 8-1-70 to 12-31-70	647.50	
	Balance outstanding 12-31-70	453.06	
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		1,100.56	1,100.56
1969	Personal Property		
	Outstanding 1-1-70		3,245.87
	Payment to treasurer 1-1-70 to 7-31-70	1,401.05	
	Abated 1-1-70 to 7-31-70	12.97	
	Outstanding 7-31-70	1,831.85	
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		3,245.87	3,245.87
	Outstanding 8-1-70		1,831.85
	Payment to treasurer 8-1-70 to 12-31-70	440.13	
	Balance outstanding 12-31-70	1,391.72	
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		1,831.85	1,831.85
1970	Personal Property		
	Outstanding 1-1-70		32,231.59
	Payment to treasurer 1-1-70 to 7-31-70	3,363.87	
	Balance outstanding 7-31-70	28,867.72	
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	Per State Audit	32,231.59	32,231.59
	Outstanding 8-1-70		28,867.72
	Omitted commitment		296.00
	Payment to treasurer 8-1-70 to 12-31-70	27,443.51	
	Balance outstanding 12-31-70	1,720.21	
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		29,163.72	29,163.72
1970	Farm Animal Excise		
	Outstanding 1-1-70		2,146.67
	Payment to treasurer 1-1-70 to 7-31-70	115.02	
	Balance outstanding	2,031.65	
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	Per State Audit	2,146.67	2,146.67
	Outstanding 8-1-70		2,031.65
	Omitted Commitment		3.50

Payment to treasurer 8-1-70 to 12-31-70	1,727.80	
Balance outstanding 12-31-70	307.35	
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	2,035.15	2,035.15

JANE E. WARD

Tax Collector

FINANCIAL REPORT OF BELDING MEMORIAL LIBRARY

January 1, 1970 to January 1, 1971

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand January 1, 1970	\$ 2,856.86	
Belding dividend	3,339.35	
Bookkeeping error corrected	8.50	
Mayo memorial gift	21.22	
Fees and fines	12.00	
Book sales	117.57	
F. A. Cross library fund	256.95	
M. M. Belding, Jr. fund	89.86	
	<hr/>	\$ 6,702.31

EXPENDITURES

Salaries and services	\$ 1,823.65	
Books, magazines and supplies	636.74	
Insurance	13.00	
Repairs and improvements	784.43	
Telephone and lights	250.04	
Fuel	351.22	
Water	9.00	
Safe deposit box rent	5.00	
Desk fund	10.00	
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Balance on January 1, 1971		2,819.23
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\$ 6,702.31

LIBRARY SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

Conway Savings Bank	\$ 1,883.20
Franklin County Trust Co.	447.69
Franklin Savings Institution	424.88
Greenfield Savings Bank	3,628.84
Northampton Institution for Savings	1,168.77
Shelburne Falls Savings Bank	820.99

Respectfully submitted,

HOPE PACKARD, *Treasurer*

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

Circulation remained about the same as last year.

Bookmobile has been curtailed to some extent this year due to illness and staff difficulties. It left 1692 books at the Library, 581 adult fiction, 517 adult non-fiction, 506 juvenile fiction, 88 juvenile non-fiction. A total of 3240 books were left in other parts of the town including the school: 244 adult fiction, 80 non-fiction, 1783 juvenile fiction, 1178 juvenile non-fiction.

There were exhibits of new books, a display on Saudi Arabia donated by Aramco, a display on the environmental crisis, a collection of African butterflies, prints by Mrs. Pieropan, paintings by Mrs. Bullard and an exhibit of the Ranger Rick's nature club led by Mrs. Archie Jenkins.

There was a sale of books during the summer.

Mrs. Walter Mayo gave two adult books and four children's books in memory of her husband. There was a gift of records from the Columbia Broadcasting System. There were also loans and gifts of books which were much appreciated.

Mr. Harold Howes who had been our custodian for many years retired. Mr. Linwood Williams is the new custodian. The interior of the Library has been brightened up with a new coat of paint.

Miss Hope Packard has completed "weeding" the adult non-fiction collection.

I wish to thank the substitutes who have helped during the year. May I express my appreciation to the trustees and to the custodians for the generous amount of time given on behalf of the library.

Respectfully submitted,

DOROTHY D. CRAFT, *Librarian*

ADULT FICTION

Aitken	The embroidered sunset
Ames	The Callahan gamble
Becker	When the war is over
Bristow	Calico palace
Cadell	Past tense of love
Cadell	Mrs. Westerby changes course
Capps	The white man's road
Carroll	Man on the mountain

Clark	Baldur's gate
Conway	Heiress apparent
Cookson	Glass virgin
Davis	Parish picnic
Delderfield	God is an Englishman
Eden	Waiting for Willa
Eden	Melbury square
Estes	Another part of the house
Gaskin	Fiona
Hale	When love returns
Hall	Portrait of Sarah
Harrington	Lightning bug
Hazzard	Bay at noon
Hodge	Greek wedding
Hoffman	My dear cousin
Holt	Secret woman
Lofts	Little wax doll
Loring	No time for love
Melville	Hunters in the shadow
Michaels	The dark on the other side
Ogilvie	Face of innocence
Pearson	The marigold field
Peters	Dead sea cipher
Sarton	Kinds of love
Stevenson	The Young Clementina
Stevenson	The curse of Concullus
Stevenson	A relative stranger
Stranger	The wind on the dragon
Turnbull	Whistle and I'll come to you
Welty	Losing battles
Whitney	Lost Island
Wilson	All the best people
Wolfe	The space between

ADULT NON-FICTION

Bell	What shall we do tomorrow
Chamberlain	New England in color
Dixon	My life and prophecies
Ellis	Wild goose brother goose
Fernea	A view of the Nile
Fletcher	Merry widow
Fox	Alcoholism
Gerson	P. J. my friend
Graham	Since silent spring
Gray	The boys
Hannum	Look back with love
Kellogg	A Doctor at all hours
Lee	The gardens in my life

Seamans	House by the Bo tree
Stringfellow	A second birthday
Tunis	Colonial craftsmen
Veeves-Carter	Island home
Vining	Quiet pilgrimage
Watkins	California in color
Wenner	Shambu Letu
Wolfe	Vermont is always with you

YOUTH FICTION

Cavanna	Mystery on Safari
Clark	The Min-Min
Emery	The sky is falling
Emonds	Wolfe hunt
Greene	A girl called Al
Hall	Beneath another sun
Kerr	Grave Allegra
McNeil	Goodbye Dove square
Sherburne	The girl who knew to-morrow
Speare	The witch of Blackbird pond
Townsend	The intruder

YOUTH NON-FICTION

Carson	Sea earth Life of Rachel Carson
Hough	Battle for Midway

JUNIOR FICTION

Benchley	The several tricks of Edgar Dolphin
Bothwell	The mystery candlestick
Burton	Calico the wonder horse
Calhoun	Magic in the valley
Cavanah	Favorite Christmas stories
Coombs	Dorrie and the haunted house
Cromie	Stephen and the Green turtle
Gurney	Impossible dogs and troublesome cats
Hayward	Merry Christmas from Betsy
Hoban	A bargain for Francis
Hoban	Best friends for Francis
Hoff	The horse in Harry's room
Jane	Mystery in the hidden hollow
Keats	Hi cat
Keats	Goggles
Krementz	Sweet pea
Lawrence	Binky brothers and the fearless four
Lobel	Frogs and toads are friends
Peet	The wump world
Preston	Pop corn and Ma Goodness
Steele	Journey outside

Steig	Sylvester and the magic pebble
Thayer	I am not a cat said Emerald
Turkell	Thy friend Obadiah
White	The trumpet of the swan
Wooley	Libby's uninvited guest

JUNIOR NON-FICTION

Burton	Life story
Carrich	The pond
Colby	The F.B.I.
Fuch	Journey to the moon
Hamilton	Mythology
Kohn	Beachcomber's book
Sendak	Where the wild things are
Zimnik	The crane

ANDERSON LIBRARY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Edmonds	The musket and the cross
Eibl	Land of 1000 atolls
Elisofon	Java diary
Ellis	Pictorial encyclopedia of railroads
Hyde	Sandy
Keating	The Grand Banks
Mannix	The fox and the hound
Maraini	Where four worlds meet
Newby	Slowly down the Ganges
Martin	Arms and armour
Norwich	Sahara
Peissel	Mustang, the forbidden kingdom
Rankin	The golden age of piracy
Russell	Firearms, traps, tools of the mountain men

GIFTS

Berlin	Best of families
Crichton	Five patients
Dickey	Deliverance
Fletcher	The Scotswoman
Fraser	Mary Queen of Scots
Gish	The movies Mrs. Griffith and me
Harlow	Fruit key and twig key to trees and shrubs
Kendrick	Prime time, life of Edward Murrow
Kimball	Birds
Landry	American essence
McGuigan	The Hapsburgs
Minney	The Edwardian age
Philbrick and Gregg	Companion plants

Princess Alice	For my grandchildren
Renault	Last of the wine
Rush	Backyard birds
Selsam	Wild flowers
Stuart	Birds around us

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING COMMITTEE

1970

To the Citizens of Ashfield:

The Public Health Nursing Advisory Committee of Ashfield, Conway, Sunderland and Whately held two regular meetings with the Public Health Nurse, Mrs. Lorraine Strippe.

The Committee is comprised of three members from each town.

In April the meeting was held in Whately with nine members and Mrs. Strippe present. Mrs. Eleanor Kennedy of Whately and Mr. Roger Clapp of Conway were welcomed as new members. They filled the vacancies made by the resignations of Mrs. Blanche Parzick and Mr. Fred Chadwick.

The officers of 1969 were reelected for 1970: Mrs. Grace Baker, chairman; Mrs. Arlene Parker, vice-chairman; and Mrs. Helen Ranney, secretary.

It was voted to raise the service fee to \$4.00 per visit by the Public Health Nurse.

In November the meeting was held in Sunderland with seven members and Mrs. Strippe present. Mrs. Marion Hubbard of Sunderland was welcomed as a new member filling the vacancy made by Mrs. Ruth Warner's resignation.

It was unanimously voted to propose the salary of the Public Health Nurse to be raised to \$5800 per year.

The Public Health Nurse has a double purpose program for these communities; (1) Care of the persons needing her Qualified nursing care, and (2) School Nurse.

We are very grateful to Mrs. Strippe for the efficient and conscientious manner in which she has carried out her duties as Public Health Nurse for these communities.

During her vacation and sick days Mrs. Javita Hart substituted.

In case of an emergency if one is unable to locate the Nurse at the Sunderland Town Hall, call one of the members of the committee and she will help you locate her.

Members of the committee from Ashfield are; Mrs. Marion Anderson, Mrs. Helen Ranney, and Mrs. Barbara Wickland.

Respectfully submitted,

GRACE E. BAKER, Chairman

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

1970

To the Citizens of the Town of Ashfield:

I wish to submit my second annual report as Public Health Nurse for the Town of Ashfield for the year ending December 31, 1970.

There is just no one set of rules that can guarantee good health for everyone. The best way to increase our chances of enjoying good physical and mental health for a lifetime is to establish and practice health and safety habits that keep us at our best most of the time.

Home nursing visits for our agency have decreased quite noticeably this year. Medicare's ever increasing eligibility standards, decreases patients chances for procuring our care with medicare reimbursement. Our home nursing fee is now \$4.00 per visit. If a patient is unable to pay this amount, adjustments can be made. I am pleased to report at this time that our agency is now approved to receive reimbursement from the State Welfare Dept. for the visits to our patients on welfare assistance.

Communicable diseases have been at a minimum in the town.

Children were selected from each town to attend the Greenfield summer camp for a period of four weeks. This proved a most satisfying experience for those selected.

Various educational meetings and regular home care and agency meetings were attended.

Summary:

Home Visits — 127

Income — \$398.48

Mileage and Supplies — \$208.41

I wish to thank all for their interest and co-operation in our program.

LORRAINE STRIPPE R.N.

Public Health Nurse

REPORT OF THE AMBULANCE COMMITTEE

The year 1970 was a busy one for the Ashfield Ambulance. Community interest in this service reached an all time high. For this dedication on the part of so many, we are deeply grateful.

Forty calls were received by the crew dispatchers. The majority of these required transportation, several requested assistance in home emergencies, and one response answered a call for back-up service in Conway.

Our present 1956 Cadillac Ambulance seems to acquire additional infirmities with the passing of each year. A study committee, appointed in late 1969, took action in early 1970 to study the feasibility of obtaining a different vehicle. With the Highway Safety Program in mind, it became the Committee's unanimous decision that we attempt to qualify ourselves as a Project under this Federally subsidized program. If the requirements could be met successfully, up to 50% reimbursement toward the purchase of a new ambulance could be expected. In the Spring, the personnel and interested townspeople assisted us in evaluating various types and models toward making a selection that would best meet our needs.

In July, an application was forwarded to James J. Stratford, Jr., Coordinator of the Highway Safety Program in Boston for approval. It was promptly returned with an accompanying letter informing us that the present allocation of Federal Funds for this purpose had already been over-subscribed. A further suggestion was made that we resubmit the application at a later date.

To prolong the life of our present ambulance, it underwent a thorough overhauling this year. Its major difficulties — broken springs, damaged gas tank, pinched fuel line, sluggish carburetor, ineffective heater and faulty brakes were either repaired or replaced and several other minor weaknesses corrected.

The most valued piece of equipment acquired in 1970 was an orthopedic stretcher obtained through contributions made in the memory of Molly Rich. Minor items added to our supplies included a plastic full-leg splint, disposable oxygen masks and tubing, an oxygen tank stand, a resuscitube and a child's airway.

Refresher courses and practice sessions were held periodically throughout the year. In October, the ambulance and a crew participated in a simulated "lost man and accident rescue", an experiment sponsored jointly by the Ashfield and South Deerfield Boy Scouts.

Late in the year, Ashfield's application for Federal Assistance was resubmitted. On January 5 notice was received that our request

for consideration as a Project had been recommended by the Regional Coordinator and had been forwarded for Federal approval.

Gifts, memorials and earnings for the year totalled \$964.00. Our thanks go to those who donated financially to our fund and equally to those who supported our efforts actively. Our gratitude extends to the Modern Laundry, E. J. Gare & Son and the Amherst Fire Department for their respective contributions.

This Committee and the crew sincerely welcome your comments and your suggestions concerning your ambulance and the improvement of its services.

Respectfully submitted,

ALICE WHITNEY, Co-Chairman

REPORT OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

One project carried out in 1970 was the acquiring of salvage equipment. This equipment will be of great value in keeping water and smoke damage to a minimum.

We also purchased 1200' of 3" hose which will give us more efficient pump operations at large fires and at fires where no water is nearby. We have purchased a portable tank to make the unloading of other incoming tankers faster. The portable tank will also be of great value on a fire watch after a fire as it will release both trucks allowing them to return to the station.

Equipment on both trucks were relocated for more efficient operation. Engine No. 2, the tanker, was reloaded with equipment to convert it to an attack tanker. Engine No. 1, the pumper, was reloaded with equipment to convert it to a hose wagon and brush truck. This puts all equipment where it is most needed and has made the department a smoother running operation.

Another project completed in 1970 was the painting of the fire station.

We will concentrate for the next couple of years on buying small diameter hoses and minor equipment to make the job of fighting fire both easier and safer.

Two state regulations of importance to townspeople came out this year. One regulation has made the firing of model rockets legal *under certain controls*. The main regulation states that rockets can be fired only by minors who are supervised by adults who have ob-

tained permits from the local fire department, or by adults with a permit. The second regulation has been the outdoor burning ban of certain items. More information on this regulation will be published in the newspaper by early summer as more things will then be banned. For further information on these two regulations, please call 628-3342, evenings.

I would like to take this time to thank the men of the fire department for making this a very successful year. I would also like to thank the people in other departments of town government. The spirit of cooperation among the departments and town officials and the interest and support of the townspeople has been most helpful and gratifying.

For general information and burning permits, call 628-3342 or 628-4484. No reasonable request for burning permits will be denied.

Groups sponsored by the Fire Department are: Little League, Pee Wee League and Explorer Scouts.

The following permits were issued in 1970:

Burning permits	253
Blasting permits	2
Oil burner installations	10
Oil storage permits	11
Corrections on oil burner installations	0
Rocket permits	2

Equipment purchased in 1970:

1200'	3"	fire hose
1		hose clamp
1		portable tank
2		squeegees
1		mop
2		salvage covers
2		fire brooms
2		hay forks

FINANCIAL STATEMENT 1970

1.	\$	277.50	Insurance
2.		380.22	Telephone
3.		7.50	Water bill
4.		384.73	Equipment
5.		2,100.00	Hose
6.		25.00	Tri-State dues
7.		30.00	N.F.P.A. dues
8.		260.00	Truck repairs
9.		519.00	Pay roll
10.		46.14	Radio repairs

11.	121.53	Supplies
12.	8.23	Postage
13.	23.40	Travel expenses
14.	14.50	Training

TOTAL \$ 4,197.72

Cost of Operating Fire Department 1969 — 41% of Town Expenses

Cost of Operating Fire Department 1970 — 73% of Town Expenses

TYPE OF OCCUPANCIES IN WHICH FIRES OCCURRED

	1968	1969	1970
Residential	8	11	5
Storage	0	3	1

MAIN CAUSE OF FIRES IN BUILDING

	1968	1969	1970
Electrical	1	3	1
Heating	6	8	4
Flammable Liquids	0	0	1
Kids & Matches	0	1	0
Spontaneous	0	1	0
Miscellaneous	1	1	0

AUTO FIRES

1968	1969	1970
1	4	3

GRASS - BRUSH - MUTUAL AID - MISC. FIRES

1968	1969	1970
30	11	13

NUMBER OF RUNS MADE PER MONTH

January	2	July	2
February	1	August	4
March	1	September	0
April	4	October	1
May	5	November	1
June	0	December	1

VALUE OF PROPERTY INVOLVED & LOSSES

	1968	1969	1970
Value of Property	\$111,900.00	\$165,285.00	\$ 71,900.00
Loss	400.00	9,176.00	520.00
Insurance Paid	None	5,967.00	370.00

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT E. VAN IDERSTINE

Fire Chief

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

The year 1970 found changes in our department. We now have a Chief in town, available all of the time, following a special town meeting in late August.

The number 628-4445 is now a Police Dept. phone separate from the Chief's personal phone. This number is to be used for all police business and emergencies. Should this number be busy and the call is urgent, the chief may be reached at 628-3847, his personal phone.

We are now linked with the Franklin County Radio System. The radios have arrived and are in use. Radar was also an addition last year and the rise in citations issued this past year show up clearly in the break-down list and are largely due to the use of the radar.

The Police Association held a drive for a cruiser and at this writing have put out bids for the cruiser. On behalf of all the men, I would like to express our appreciation to all the people who took part in making this drive such a huge success. The response was overwhelming and gratifying.

The police department was sorry to lose a good officer this summer when William Reeves and his family moved to Georgia.

Again I would like to thank the men who put so much time far above what their duty called for and for their help in finishing the work on the office and entry way.

The following is a list of Police activities throughout the year:

Automobile accidents reported	19
Accidents investigated by Ashfield Police	10
Fatalities	1
Breaking and entering	16
Stolen property	18
Vandalism	19
Routine house checks	25
Drunkenness	2
Liquor case investigations	3
Summons	7
Court appearances	6 (25) hours
Arrests	1
Citations	30
Warrants	3

Calls Received:	Total of: 651
Complaints	101
Investigations	64

Other police checks	71	
Misc. calls & information given	415	
Firearms Identification Cards issued by Police Department		19

During the year the men covered 2,538 miles and put in a total of 535 hours including patrol duty.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER D. ZALENSKI, SR.
Acting Chief of Police

REPORT OF CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR

To whom it may concern:

The Town of Ashfield has taken part in the Civil Defense program as follows:

In October Howard Barnes and I, with the help of several members of the Boy Scouts, delivered to every family in the Town of Ashfield a booklet entitled "Community Shelter Plan for Western Franklin County." I sincerely hope we did not miss anyone.

I do hope that each of you have read it. It contains very sound information. Since we do not have adequate facilities for public Fall out Shelters, we will have to depend on our own ingenuity by building one of our own, which, as you can gather from reading the booklet, would not be very difficult to construct. Something simple that would be adequate under most circumstances.

In case of a nuclear attack it could make the difference between survival or not. We all know an attack is possible. It is much better to have some protection and not use it than to have an urgent need for it and not have it. This point is very definitely stressed by all Civil Defense officials. If I can be of any help in answering any questions in regard to fall out protection, I will be more than glad to and I am sure Mr. Barnes will be glad to do likewise.

As usual, I attended several Directors' meetings held at the Sector 4D, Civil Defense Headquarters in Greenfield. These meetings are for a briefing in our town's participation in the many phases of the Civil Defense program.

Mr. Barnes and I made one trip to the Salvage Depot in Taunton hoping to find some war surplus supplies that would be useful for Civil Defense but the "pickings" were very poor and we came home empty-handed.

Edward Scott, our Communication Officer, along with our lady operators have been real faithful in keeping the monthly radio schedules. This is done from the Civil Defense Headquarters in the Library basement.

We also took part in a State Warning Exercise, the purpose for this being to find how quickly a warning message could be relayed to each community in the State.

I want to especially thank the Boy Scouts for their help in delivering the Community Shelter Plan Booklets; also all who have given their support, time and effort in our local Civil Defense Program.

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND H. RENIFF,
Civil Defense Director

REPORT OF PLANNING BOARD

To the Citizens of the Town of Ashfield:

The Ashfield Planning Board started their fifth year with no changes in the membership of the Board. Mr. Frank Eldridge was re-elected Chairman and Mr. Arnold Sluter was re-elected Clerk.

The Board continued to meet regularly throughout the year to discuss and plan for the future. The Board also met jointly with the Selectmen and Board of Appeals during the year. During the year one formal hearing was held on an application for approval of the subdivision of land and several plans were also approved without formal hearings.

Although no official action has been taken, the Board has been studying the overall Master Planning for the Town of Ashfield and the possible need for regulations for the future control of multiple family dwellings.

Respectfully submitted,

MR. FRANK A. ELDRIDGE
ATTY. ROBERT T. DOYLE, JR.
MR. DONALD F. OUIMETTE
MR. ARNOLD H. SLUTER
MRS. PAULINE J. NYE

PARK COMMISSIONERS REPORT FOR 1970

To the residents of Ashfield:

The Town Beach opened on June 14, 1970 and closed twelve weeks later on Labor Day, September 7. With the exception of a few cold windy days during the swimming lessons and at the end of the season, the weather was pleasant and suitable for bathing.

A new diving board was purchased and erected during the season.

The American Red Cross swimming lessons began on July 6. Lessons were extended two days until July 28 due to cold weather. There was the usual high turn out for the lessons with 130 students enrolling. The break-down by class was as follows: Beginners, 61; Advanced Beginners, 24; Intermediates, 20; Swimmers, 17; Lifesaving, 6; and Water Safety Aides, 2. Roger Reid was again Water Safety Instructor and Life Guard at the beach. Special appreciation is extended to the Water Safety Aides and Roger's assistants for helping with the swimming instructions.

Due to a heavy work load on the part of the Huntley Associates, Inc. of Northampton, they were unable to complete the survey work as scheduled last summer and it is planned that it will be completed by them this summer.

No word has yet been received for Federal Funds to make whatever repairs are necessary on the dike and dam.

We would like to thank residents for their cooperation in making this another safe year at Ashfield Lake.

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND WARD, Chairman

ALBERT PIEROPAN

DAVID FULLER

Park Commissioners

REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN AND MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

To The Citizens of Ashfield:

Although many maples and other trees have recently been dying along the State Highway running through Ashfield, we can still feel

fortunate that our town street trees have not suffered so badly. Only five trees were removed this past year. Three were elms which were victims of Dutch Elm Disease, and the other two were maples which were becoming dangerous.

Pruning was done in South Ashfield and on North Street, Smith Road, and Meadow Lane. Also, two maples were cabled to prevent splitting and one had to be rodded. With a comparatively small budget at my disposal, I was unable to check all of the trees which people requested me to check. Sooner or later I will get to these, so bear with me for awhile.

Maybe a first for the town of Ashfield was a public tree hearing which required the posting of trees for removal by Western Mass. Electric Company. These trees were removed for the new K. V. Transition Line which crosses Baptist Corner Road. Western Mass. Electric Company reimbursed the town for these trees and some on Watson Road by granting permission for the purchase of twenty new trees of 1½" caliper at Adams Nursery.

Some of these new trees were planted on Whitney Acres, and the rest have been planted in a nursery plot at my home where they will be held until needed for other street planting jobs. This town nursery now consists of a number of Norway maples, Swedler maples, sugar maples, flowering crabs and some oaks.

All in all it was a good year as far as the trees were concerned, with plenty of rainfall, little storm damage, and no serious disease or insect infestation.

Respectfully submitted,

RAMON R. SEARS, Tree Warden

REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

A Natural Resources Report for the Town of Ashfield prepared by the Natural Resources Technical Team and the Ashfield Town Advisory Group in cooperation with the Franklin Conservation District made its appearance in the Spring. It is a study and inventory of sites within the Town that have natural resource potentials. Included in the study are possible locations for water impoundment, nature trails, nature studies, golf courses, wildlife management, etc. The potentials discussed are based only on physical characteristics of the sites.

It says of Ashfield, "It is a town of 25,805 acres. It is popular for summer residents, as well as for people who prefer to travel a few miles to work. This is due mainly to its pleasing highland environment made up of rolling hills, variable soils, unusual rock outcroppings, clean invigorating air, pure streams, uncrowded streets and, above all, its wonderful views."

The report has 50 pages of printed material and includes a map of inventory sites. Copies have been given to Town Officials, the library, schools and to interested people who have requested them. A few copies are still available from the committees.

Considerable time has been spent with representatives of the Boy Scouts and the Girl Scouts to encourage them in looking for ways to use the new Brewer-Tatro Park, given last year by the Steinmetzes, in their programs. It is the hope of the committee that 1971 will see the start of programs using the many assets of the park.

Members of the committee met with others in the consideration of guide lines and rules for the new Bear Swamp Reservation. The land for the reservation was given to the Trustees of Reservation by Rev. and Mrs. Philip H. Steinmetz, Mr. and Mrs. Gouverneur Phelps, Jr., Mrs. Helen Walker and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Tatro. The Chairman of the Conservation Committee was appointed to a place on the Town Advisory Committee of the new reservation. The new park does not come under the jurisdiction of the town committee but is, of course, of interest to them. We have had encouragement from many people and we know of actions that have been taken that will be most beneficial to the town in the years to come. For all of this we are most grateful.

LINWOOD B. LESURE
PHILIP DATER
ROBERT S. ROBERTSON
Conservation Committee

WESTERN FRANKLIN VETERANS' SERVICE CENTER

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Selectmen, The Tax Payers and the Voters of the Town of Ashfield.

Herewith is the annual report of this district, its activities and services.

Office contacts during the year total 2667 an increase of 532 over the previous year 1969. Summarized by the following.

Vietnam Bonus	128
Burials, Flags and Markers	137
Education	191
Employment	6
Pensions, Home Loans, Compensation	} 2028
Annual Income Questionnaire	
Tax Exemption, Hospital and Clinical	
Social Security and Misc. Services	
Photo Service	125
Registration for Selective Service	52
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The Massachusetts State Vietnam Bonus applications totaled 52. Of this 28 were for the combat zone which is for \$300.00. 24 were for the non combat bonus which pays \$200.00. Paid to Veterans in the District from this service would be the sum of \$13,200.00.

During the year we have added 70 new folders to our files. These folders contain the service records, Vital Statistics of Veteran and family, copies of all transactions, applications and other services performed for the Veteran.

Flags and Grave Markers were supplied to those towns desiring to purchase such through the District. We have markers for all Wars on hand.

1970 has brought about the request of assisting in making of 23 applications for State and Federal Benefits. There have been 16 of these approved and awards made. From these awards the recipients will receive annually \$11,534.40.

The Veterans' Benefits program furnished aid to 48 families involving 110 persons. \$44,738.46 was expended by member towns during 1970 of which 50% will be reimbursed by the Commonwealth. Expenditures by Category for the District follows:

Ordinary Benefits	\$ 24,854.45
Fuel	4,429.10
Nursing Homes	1,193.66
Doctor	1,212.98
Medication	5,023.60
Hospitals	2,664.90
Dental	345.00
Miscellaneous	5,014.77

TOTAL \$ 44,738.46

The District Office is located in Memorial Hall, Bridge Street, Shelburne Falls, Mass. It is open Monday thru Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

In closing, thanks to all Officials of Towns of the District who become involved with this office, for your Consideration, Counsel and Cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

CLYDE H. CHURCHILL,
Director and Veterans' Agent

TREASURER'S REPORT

1970

Balance January 1, 1970		\$ 1,315.47
Receipts 1970:		
Town of Buckland	\$ 2,027.55	
Town of Rowe	482.75	
Town of Shelburne	2,317.20	
Town of Charlemont	675.85	
Town of Colrain	1,158.60	
Town of Conway	765.85*	
Town of Ashfield	965.50	
Town of Hawley	193.10	
Town of Plainfield	193.10	
Town of Heath	289.65	
Town of Monroe	675.85	
Flags & Markers	459.03	
Photo Copies	30.25	
Fed. Withholding	567.10	
State Withholding	76.56	
County Retirement	352.61	
		<u>\$ 11,230.55</u>
		\$ 12,546.02

Payments 1970:

Salary, Director	\$ 6,000.00	
Salary, Clerk	1,055.70	
Salary, Treas.	100.00	
Rent	600.00	
Phone	217.55	
Janitor	120.00	
Office Expense	495.78	
Agent's Travel & Expense	241.94	
County Retirement Assess.	663.30	
Misc.	12.05	
Treas. Bond	10.00	
Treas. Checks	5.02	
Refund * to Conway - overpaid assessment	90.00	
Flags & Markers	475.32	
Fed. Withholding	567.10	
State Withholding	76.56	
County Retirement	352.61	
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		\$ 11,082.93
Balance, Dec. 31, 1970		<hr/>
		\$ 1,463.09

OLIVE E. WOOD, Treas.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS REPORT

To The Board of Selectmen:

During 1970, nine petitions were filed with the Board of Appeals requesting variances from the provisions of the Ashfield Zoning By-Law. The Board conducted public hearings on eight of these petitions; one was withdrawn before the date of the hearing. Four special permits to engage in business enterprises and four variances were granted.

In August, an informal meeting was held with the Selectmen and the Planning Board at which matters of mutual interest were discussed.

Respectfully submitted,

Associates:

KENNETH A. LILLY
RALPH E. TOWNSLEY

Ashfield Zoning Board of Appeals

WALTON F. DATER
JOHN R. MOTT
ROBERT P. KING

PRELIMINARY SURVEY AND SEWER REPORT

We would like to use this letter to bring the Board of Selectmen up to date regarding the sewerage report being prepared for the Town of Ashfield by this office. Very briefly, we have completed the field work; soil borings, topographic survey, etc., and our investigation of the most economical wastewater collection routes as well as the most sufficient and efficient treatment process. Our present work consists of the finalizing the estimated costs for all of the work proposed.

We anticipate completion of the report for presentation to your Board very shortly. At that time, we hope to discuss it in its entirety. Following this, a similar presentation will be made to the Massachusetts Division of Water Pollution Control with the attempt being the determination of the degree of eligibility of the work for state and federal financial assistance.

Following the satisfactory aforementioned meetings, the report will be finalized and submitted to you in its completed form for your presentation to the Town as a whole and subsequently to the Massachusetts Division of Water Pollution.

If you have any questions concerning this letter or the report itself, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Very truly yours,

WESTON & SAMPSON
David K. Blake

JURY LIST

Craft, Clayton C.	Traffic Manager
Graves, Marianna T.	Housewife
Hand, Charles M.	Engineer
Kirkpatrick, Mildred C.	Secretary
Mott, Barbara D.	Housewife
Munroe, Richard S.	Purchasing Agent
Pease, Ralph S.	Carpenter
Phelps, Nicholas G.	Contractor
Ryan, James J., Jr.	Manager
Schreiber, William H.	Farmer
Scott, Janice W.	Housewife
Steinmetz, Philip H.	Minister
Townsley, Dorothy N.	Housewife
Zagrubski, Clara	Housewife

STATE AUDIT — June 23, 1968 - July 31, 1970

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

Assets		Liabilities and Reserves	
Cash	\$ 58,399.82	State and County Assessments 1970:	\$ 1,883.97
Accounts Receivable:		State Recreation Areas	
Taxes:		State Audit of Municipal	
Levy of 1966:		Accounts	272.51
Real Estate	43.50	Motor Vehicle Excise Bills	136.35
		State Assessment System	50.00
Levy of 1967:		County Tax	16,870.09
Personal Property	\$ 25.50		\$ 19,212.92
Real Estate	384.20	Payroll Deductions:	
		Federal Taxes	1,301.00
Levy of 1968:		State Taxes	251.92
Personal Property	1,100.56	County Retirement System	201.63
Real Estate	674.10	Blue Cross and Blue Shield	183.15
			1,937.70
Levy of 1969:		Dog Licenses - Due County	136.25
Personal Property	1,831.85	Tailings - Unclaimed Checks	142.89
Real Estate	8,436.52	Trust Fund Income:	
		Eliza Miller Charity	42.93
Levy of 1970:		Whiting Street Charity	63.57
Personal Property	28,867.72	Frederick A. Cross Library	141.95
Real Estate	224,822.17	Milo M. Belding, Jr.:	
		Library	89.86
		Park	374.74
			253, 689.89

Motor Vehicle Excise:					
Levy of 1967	113.93			Frederick A. Cross Cemetery	62.78
Levy of 1968	690.31			Cemetery Perpetual Care	32.29
Levy of 1969	2,052.28				808.12
Levy of 1970	6,290.14			Federal Grants:	
				School:	
			9,146.66	George-Barden - Smith	
				Hughes	2,178.00
Farm Excise:				School Lunch Fund	273.91
Levy of 1970			2,031.65	Appropriation Balances:	
				General	243,676.32
Departmental:			769.92	Receipts Reserved for Appropriations:	
Veterans' Services				Road Machinery Fund	3,943.33
				Ambulance Fund	379.58
Aid to Highways:					
State	67,175.66			Reserve Fund - Overlay	4,322.91
County	25,362.83		92,538.49	Surplus	36,083.76
Estimated Receipts - to be			90,149.46	Overlays Reserved for Abatements:	
Collected				Levy of 1966	43.50
Appropriation Authorized from				Levy of 1967	409.70
State Highway Fund -			2,750.00	Levy of 1968	1,774.66
Chapter 768, Acts of 1969				Levy of 1969	10,268.37
Due from Frederick A. Cross			3,250.00	Levy of 1970	22,006.97
General Purpose Fund					
Overdrawn Appropriations:					34,503.20
Road Machinery Maintenance			77.86	Revenue Reserved Until Collected:	
				Motor Vehicle Excise	9,146.66
				Farm Excise	2,031.65

Departmental	769.92
Aid to Highway	92,538.49
	104,486.72
Surplus Revenue	77,537.28
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	\$525,299.98

TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Trust and Investment Funds:

Cash and Securities:
 In Custody of Town Treasurer
 In Custody of Library Treasurer
 In Custody of Franklin County
 Trust Company, Greenfield

\$ 99,385.76
 7,966.72
 55,502.70

In Custody of Town Treasurer:

Frederick A. Cross	\$ 49,568.09*
General Purpose Fund	11,723.46
Eliza Miller Charity Fund	5,209.16
Major W. King Charity Fund	864.35
Susan Howes Charity Fund	5,533.11
Salmon Miller Charity Fund	2,409.86
Whiting Street Charity Fund	3,812.73
Henry Taylor Charity Fund	
William A. Hathaway	
Charity Fund	8,869.11
Frederick A. Cross	
Library Fund	5,000.00
Frederick A. Cross	
Cemetery Fund	2,000.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care	
Funds	1,250.00
Stabilization Fund	3,145.89
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	\$ 99,385.76

In Custody of		
Library Treasurer:		
Belding Library Fund	832.71	
Income		
General Library Fund	1,790.27	
Lilly Library Fund	4,213.19	
Sarah Norton Library Fund	1,112.55	
		7,966.72
In Custody of Franklin County		
Trust Company, Greenfield:		
Milo M. Belding		
Library Fund	40,942.77	
Milo M. Belding		
Library Surplus Fund	6,010.62	
Milo M. Belding, Jr.,		
Library and Park Fund	8,549.31	
		55,502.70
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		\$162,855.18

* Due General Treasury \$3,250.00

School Department

SCHOOL CALENDAR — 1970 - 1971

Ashfield Elementary School

Mohawk Trail Regional School District

SCHOOL CALENDAR

SCHOOL YEAR 1970-1971

S M T W TH F S

SEPTEMBER (16)

		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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27	28	29	30			

NOVEMBER (18)

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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	Veterans' Day - Nov. 11				
		Thksg. Recess - Nov. 26-27				
		JANUARY (20)				

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9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30		

New Years Day - Jan. 1

MARCH (23)

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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

MAY (20)

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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

Memorial Day - May 31

School Calendar Totals 184 Days

One-Session Days are Wed., Nov. 25 - Wed., Dec. 23, 1970; Friday, June 25, 1971

* Four one-session days to be determined later for curriculum workshops

Last day for Seniors in classroom - June 7th. Graduation: Sunday, June 13th.

S M T W TH F S

OCTOBER (20)

				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Columbus Day - Oct. 12

Franklin Co. Tchrs. Conv. - Oct. 26

DECEMBER (17)

		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Christmas Vacation - Dec. 24-31

FEBRUARY (15)

	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28						

Mid-Winter Vacation - Feb. 15-19

APRIL (16)

				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

Good Friday - April 9

Spring Vacation - April 19-23

JUNE (19)

		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

School Closes Friday, June 25

NO SCHOOL SIGNAL

The "NO SCHOOL" announcements are made over the following radio stations:

W H A I — Greenfield
W H M P — Northampton
W M N V — North Adams
W H Y N — Springfield
W T I C — Hartford, Connecticut

SCHOOL CENSUS

By Age and Grade — October 1, 1970

Grade	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19*	Total
Kdg.	20															20
Oppor.																
1		23	4	1												28
2			1	14	11											26
3				3	19	5										27
4					3	18	4									25
5						2	22	1								25
6							1	31	4	1						37
7								3	19	3						25
8									2	21	6	4				33
9										5	17	3		1		26
10											5	26	3	1		35
11													23	7	3	34
12														1	22	28
Ungr.															1	2
TOTALS	20	24	21	34	25	27	34	26	30	28	33	28	32	8	1	371

The report of the Superintendent of Schools is submitted as the report of the Ashfield School Committee.

ROGER SCOTT, Chairman
DOROTHY CRAFT
GOUVERNEUR PHELPS, JR.

APPROPRIATION FOR SUPPORT
Of the Ashfield Public School — 1971

	<i>1970</i> <i>Appro-</i> <i>priation</i>	<i>1970</i> <i>Expenditures</i>	<i>1971</i> <i>Appro-</i> <i>priation</i>
ADMINISTRATION:			
School Committee Supplies	\$ ..... \$	..... \$	\$ 10.00
School Committee Other Expenses	150.00	316.71	226.00
Superintendent's Salary	4,837.40	4,847.03	3,517.88
Clerical Salary	3,356.70	2,895.60	3,592.84
Superintendent's Office Expense	402.00	483.13	.....
Superintendent's Office Rent, Utilities	649.90	551.80	.....
Superintendent's Travel	301.50	338.44	530.60
	<hr/> \$ 9,697.50	<hr/> \$ 9,432.71	<hr/> \$ 7,877.32
INSTRUCTION:			
Principal's Salary	\$ 9,115.26	\$ 9,238.42	\$ 10,461.67
Office Supplies & Materials	125.00	49.40	120.00
Other Expense	25.00	26.00	125.00
Teachers' Salaries	76,381.90	75,711.65	88,531.50
Substitutes	800.00	952.00	1,170.00
Teacher Aides	.....	.....	6,676.20
Supplies and Materials	1,941.27	2,127.71	4,020.00
Other Expenses	.....	.....	548.40
Textbooks	1,779.14	1,760.35	385.00
Library	100.00	299.90	530.00
Audio-Visual Supplies	100.00	151.00	175.00
Audio-Visual Other Expense	.....	.....	25.00
Testing	100.00	124.80	100.00
Psychological Contracted Services	.....	.....	414.00
	<hr/> \$ 90,467.57	<hr/> \$ 90,441.23	<hr/> \$113,281.77
OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES:			
Physician's Salary	\$ 200.00	\$ 165.00	\$ 200.00
Nurse's Salary	1,920.00	488.40	.....
Health Supplies	25.00	21.30	25.00
Parent Arranged Transportation	260.00	46.00	200.00
Pupil Transportation			
Contracted	23,335.00	22,568.00	23,800.00
Cafeteria Manager's Salary	2,000.00	254.56	.....
	<hr/> \$ 27,740.00	<hr/> \$ 23,543.26	<hr/> \$ 24,225.00

OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF PLANT:

Custodian's Salary	\$ 6,520.00	\$ 5,568.45	\$ 6,625.00
Custodian's Helper	500.00	1,116.09	831.60
Custodial Supplies	500.00	922.70	950.00
Fuel	3,000.00	2,796.64	3,650.00
Utilities	2,425.00	2,353.61	2,425.00
Snow Removal	500.00	489.00	500.00
Maintenance of Grounds	.....	.....	50.00
Maintenance of Building	3,700.00	5,435.93	3,840.00
Maintenance of Equipment	200.00	312.24	375.00
	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$ 17,345.00	\$ 18,994.66	\$ 19,246.60

ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS:

New Equipment	\$ 2,450.00	\$ 2,449.80	\$ 1,703.50
PROGRAMS WITH OTHER DISTRICTS:			
Special Elementary Tuition	\$ 1,040.00	\$ 803.00	\$ 1,500.00
Vocational Transportation	4,700.00	3,810.16
Vocational Tuition	6,840.00	4,813.52
Adult Tuition	100.00	6.00
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	\$ 12,680.00	\$ 9,432.68	\$ 1,500.00
TOTALS:	\$160,380.07	\$154,294.34	\$167,834.19
Unexpended Balance	6,085.73
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TOTALS	\$160,380.07	\$160,380.07	\$167,834.19

EXPENDITURES

ADMINISTRATION:

School Committee Expense			
Speaker, Opening Day	\$	7.35	
Union Meeting Expenses		65.59	
Massachusetts Association of School			
Committees Dues		100.00	
Advertising		128.72	
Blue Cross - Blue Shield		15.05	
		<hr/>	\$ 316.71
Superintendent of Schools			
Salary	\$	4,847.03	
Travel		338.44	
Office Clerks		2,895.60	
Office Expenses		483.13	
Office Utilities, Rent, Fuel		551.80	
		<hr/>	\$ 9,116.00

INSTRUCTION, SUPERVISION AND

ADMINISTRATION:

Salary, Robert Small, Principal	\$ 9,238.42	
Principal's Travel	26.00	
Principal's Office Expense	49.40	
	<hr/>	\$ 9,313.82

INSTRUCTION:

Teachers and Aides:

Vernon Avera	\$ 7,388.42	
Margaret Booker	6,200.00	
Vivien Fuller	6,871.14	
Julie A. Gooch	1,150.00	
Mary Hall	7,050.00	
Susan J. Higby	2,031.67	
Alice Libby	6,788.42	
Rachel Manners	6,988.60	
Katherine Minor	2,184.74	
Joanne H. Ostrowski	1,907.72	
Marjorie Senecal	5,984.70	
Ida Sloan	6,850.00	
John O'Connor	4,534.38	
Kathleen O'Connell	558.32	
Martha A. Conant	958.74	
Margaret Dean	2,530.70	
Marguerite Romer	2,905.70	
Gladys M. Kendrick	1,994.40	
Ruth E. Rice	834.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 75,711.65

Substitute Teachers:

Lorraine Reid	\$ 18.00	
Pauline Nye	162.00	
Dorothy Taylor	288.00	
Pamela Rice	90.00	
Nancy Winter	72.00	
Ida Wright	322.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 952.00

Supplies:

Elementary	\$ 2,035.81	
Kindergarten	22.00	
Athletic	69.90	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,127.71

Textbooks:

Elementary	\$ 1,691.35	
Kindergarten	69.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,760.35

Library Service:			
Books, Papers, & Magazines	\$	269.35	
Library Supplies		30.55	
		<hr/>	\$ 299.90
Audio-Visual Materials			\$ 151.00
Elementary Tests and Supplies			\$ 124.80
HEALTH SERVICES:			
Physician's Salary	\$	165.00	
Nurse's Salary		488.40	
Health Supplies		21.30	
		<hr/>	\$ 674.70
PUPIL TRANSPORTATION:			
Elementary:			
C. W. Ward, Inc.	\$	13,300.00	
Douglas Ward		3,380.00	
Kathryn Loomis		1,408.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 18,088.00
Kindergarten:			
Robert Robertson		4,320.00	
Field Trips:			
C. W. Ward, Inc.		160.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 22,568.00
CAFETERIA:			
Cafeteria Manager's Salary			\$ 254.56
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE:			
Custodial Salary:			
Frank Carter	\$	3,068.45	
Walter Zalenski		2,500.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 5,568.45
Custodial Helpers:			
Walter Zalenski	\$	468.75	
Jeffrey Zalenski		198.84	
Scott Kirkpatrick		237.00	
William Dyer		193.50	
Mark Pichette		18.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 1,116.09
Fuel			\$ 2,796.64
Water			\$ 225.00
Electricity			\$ 1,934.73
Telephone			\$ 193.88
Custodian's Supplies:			
Berkshire Frosted Foods, Inc.	\$	20.70	
Edward L. Canter		783.99	
Day's Store		29.59	

Elmer's Store	26.56	
Keyes Hardware	61.86	
	<hr/>	\$ 922.70
Maintenance:		
Building:		
Bennett's Garage	\$ 25.85	
Chilson's Shops, Inc.	16.05	
Commissioner of Public Safety	10.00	
Howard A. Cranson & Son	1,602.74	
Franklin County Lumber Co.	71.60	
David Fuller	30.00	
Emil H. Hohengasser, Jr.	68.00	
S & J Jamrog	586.98	
Johnson Service Co.	373.07	
Keyes Hardware	108.78	
Maico Hearing Aid Service, Inc.	29.48	
Austin Morton	29.00	
Robert H. Nye	32.63	
Norman Pike	4.00	
Roger E. Pollen	59.40	
Purple Electrical Company	88.83	
Schechterle Roofing Company	450.00	
South Deerfield Fire Equipment Co.	21.85	
Sheldon Lodge	1,716.77	
Willis G. Thayer	12.00	
Valley Tank Co., Inc.	85.00	
John Weslowski	13.90	
	<hr/>	\$ 5,435.93
Custodial Truck:		
Bennett's Garage	\$ 81.30	
Day's Store	29.17	
Norm's Service Station	6.77	
Clifton Pease	195.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 312.24
Snow Removal:		
S. J. Trenholm	\$ 85.00	
C. W. Ward, Inc.	386.00	
William C. Whitehouse	18.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 489.00
NEW EQUIPMENT:		
Milton Bradley Company		\$ 2,449.80
TUITION:		
Vocational:		
Smith Agricultural School		\$ 4,813.52
Elementary:		
Franklin County Public Hospital		\$ 803.00

TRANSPORTATION:**Elementary:**

Robert Coler	\$ 46.00
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Vocational:

Kathryn Loomis	\$ 3,810.16
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OTHER OR ADULT TUITION:

City of Springfield	\$ 6.00
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TOTAL:	<u>\$154,294.34</u>
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HOT LUNCH FUND**RECEIPTS:**

Balance on hand January 1, 1970	\$ 500.89
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Adult Lunchroom Sales	\$ 823.38
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Student Lunchroom Sales	8,433.09
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State Reimbursement	3,984.56
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Other Receipts	279.48
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	<u>\$ 13,520.51</u>
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TOTAL RECEIPTS:	<u>\$ 14,021.40</u>
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EXPENDITURES:

Food	\$ 4,772.96
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Milk	2,767.84
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Labor	5,092.39
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Cafeteria Supplies	162.09
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Cafeteria Expense	294.27
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TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	<u>\$ 13,089.55</u>
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CASH BALANCE ON HAND, December 31, 1970	\$ 931.85
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TITLE I - CATCH-UP

BALANCE ON HAND, January 1, 1970	\$ 515.00
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EXPENDITURES:

Department of Education (Return of Unexpended funds)	<u>515.00</u>
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BALANCE ON HAND, December 31, 1970	\$ —
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ESEA - TITLE II**Library****RECEIPTS:**

Bureau of Library Extension	
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State Department of Education	\$ 170.29
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EXPENDITURES:

Library Book House	<u>127.05</u>
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BALANCE ON HAND, December 31, 1970	\$ 43.24
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SMITH HUGHES - GEORGE BARDEN FUND

BALANCE ON HAND, January 1, 1970 \$ 2,178.00

EXPENDITURES:

Kathryn Loomis, Vocational Transportation	\$ 450.00
Kathryn Loomis, Vocational Transportation	189.84
Smith Agricultural School, Vocational Tuition	1,538.16
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	\$ 2,178.00

BALANCE ON HAND, December 31, 1970 \$ —

FEDERAL PROJECT - CAFETERIA DISHWASHER

RECEIPTS:

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Office of School Lunch Program (Federal Funds)	\$ 1,987.50
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EXPENDITURES:

H. A. Cranson & Son	\$ 1,987.50
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BALANCE ON HAND, December 31, 1970 \$ —

REPORT OF SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

To: Ashfield School Committee
Mr. Roger Scott, Chairman
Mr. Gouverneur Phelps
Mrs. Dorothy Craft, Secretary

This year has been marked by significant changes in the administrative organization. On April 1st Ashfield and the other towns that are members of Massachusetts School Superintendency Union No. 65 entered into a program of administrative sharing. On that date, a single superintendency was created for all of the towns served by the Mohawk Trail Regional School District. Mr. Robert Reidy who has served as superintendent up until that date became an educational consultant. He continued to serve in this capacity until July 1st. With the change in administrative leadership, the new central administration was moved to 17 Bridge Street, Shelburne Falls. The school department is grateful to Mrs. Elizabeth Morrissey for her many years of service as secretary to the superintendent of schools of Ashfield. Mrs. Morrissey retired in March. Mrs. Ruth Rice, also secretary to the superintendent, left her position to assume new duties at Sanderson Academy. In June Mrs. Ann Doyle assumed the duties of secretary to the superintendent of schools.

During the spring and summer months a screening committee was established to review the applications of those persons who had applied for the position of assistant superintendent of schools. From the total list of applicants the screening committee interviewed those individuals whose background best appeared to lend itself to our needs for an assistant superintendent. Mr. Eugene Balazs, principal of the Monument Fountain Regional High School, was selected for the post and began his duties on August 1st of this year.

Administrative sharing represents an attempt on the part of all school committees to do several things. It is intended as an alternate policy to the State Department of Education which has been clamoring for the creation of larger school organizations. The current state guidelines indicate a minimum of 2,000 pupils in any one school organization. Administrative sharing represents a compromise with the state guidelines in that each of the several school organizations maintain their complete local sovereignty and at the same time they have a single person as the administrative head of the several schools. Through administrative sharing it should be possible to coordinate the curriculum amongst the several elementary schools that prepare students for the Mohawk Trail Regional High School.

The potentialities for the improvement of educational opportunities because of this coordination are many. So that the direction in which we move will be well thought out, an Educational Policies Committee including representatives from all school committees has been created. This group will discuss common educational problems and officially recommend solutions which will then be referred back to the parent school committee for legislative action. The Ashfield representatives of this committee include Gouverneur Phelps from the town school committee and Clement Record for the Mohawk Trail Regional School Committee. This committee will have its first meeting in December and thereafter in 1971 will meet with some frequency.

The educational structure in our nine towns is probably the most complicated school organization within this Commonwealth. Physically, it covers a large part of Franklin County and spills over into Hampshire County. The terrain and the transportation problems are surely as rugged or complicated as any other school organization within the Commonwealth. These factors are of real consideration in the development of a cohesive and coordinated educational organization.

Since this time last year there have been numerous changes within the school department. Presently there are three new teachers within Sanderson Academy. These changes resulted from resignations or accidents that had occurred since last January. Two of these teachers are the result of increases in the staff that were authorized by the School Committee a year ago. We also have at the moment one permanent substitute for Mrs. Vivien Fuller who suf-

ferred a serious injury in September. The effect of these changes has been to increase the work of the building principal as he goes about coordinating the educational program within the school. The school department has been fortunate in being able to find qualified applicants for those positions.

From the few months that I have had the opportunity to observe the operation at Sanderson Academy, it would be my opinion that the educational program is developing in a satisfactory manner within the school. There is much fine teaching. The day before the opening of school saw the first meeting of all the teachers on a K-12 basis. Following this meeting, a Conservation Workshop was held at Hawlemont for all elementary teachers. This workshop resulted in curriculum changes in all the elementary schools to include units on conservation. An important development in the operation of the educational program is the establishment of regular monthly meetings between the superintendent and the elementary school principals. Coordination and improvement of curriculum are the aims of these meetings. At this time science, mathematics, and English have been reviewed and significant curriculum and material changes are being planned and implemented. Of prime importance is the smoothing of the path of youngsters as they go from Sanderson to Mohawk.

In this period of high costs that become more astronomical with each passing month, it would appear prudent that the town take whatever action is necessary in the space of the next two or three years to bring up the physical condition of the school building to an improved level. Should anything happen to Sanderson Academy and it became necessary to replace the educational facilities now incorporated within the present plant, it might be necessary for the town to make a financial commitment in excess of \$800,000.00. Much of the first nine months of the present superintendent's time has been taken in acquiring a familiarity with the special problems prevalent within the school. The committee very effectively resolved one problem associated with the heating system when they replaced the previous underground oil storage tank with a new tank designed to accommodate some 10,000 gallons. This capital improvement was effected during the month of August. Sanderson offers much attractive and usable space. I would recommend that the town and the school committee do all that they can to protect the physical property so that it may have a long and useful life for the community.

The attention of the reader is directed to the subsequent thoughtful report submitted by Principal Robert Small.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR P. SILVESTER
Superintendent of Schools

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Mr. Arthur P. Silvester
Superintendent of Schools
17 Bridge Street
Shelburne Falls, Mass. 01370

Dear Mr. Silvester:

I hereby submit my report as principal of Sanderson Academy for the school year 1970-71:

ENROLLMENT — November 1, 1970

<i>Grade</i>	<i>Boys</i>	<i>Girls</i>	<i>Total</i>
K	10	14	24
1	24	13	37
2	17	17	34
3	15	14	29
4	15	16	31
5	15	17	32
6	19	22	41
	<hr/> 115	<hr/> 113	<hr/> 228

FACULTY and STAFF

Our staff continues to grow with eleven full-time classroom teachers, three special instructors, and two teacher-aides. Those new teachers hired for this year were: Miss Susan Higby, Grade one; Miss Joanne Ostrowski, Grade four; and Mrs. Katherine Minor, Grades five and six. Mrs. Ruth Rice joined the staff as a library-teacher aide and Mrs. Martha Conant as remedial reading specialist.

In September Mrs. Vivien Fuller met with an unfortunate accident which it was felt would disable her for the remainder of the school year. We have sorely missed her presence and service at Sanderson and look forward to her return. In November Miss Higby resigned from her first grade position. Miss Julie Gooch was hired to fill one vacancy and Miss Kathleen O'Connell joined us in November as a permanent substitute.

We were also very pleased to welcome Mr. Walter Zalenski to our staff this year as custodian.

Special note should also be made of the retirement of Mrs. Rachel Manners which will take place at the end of this school year. Mrs. Manners has taught at Sanderson Academy for twelve years. We are most grateful for her service and dedication to our school and children.

INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM

The ungraded reading program continues to be refined and be successful. With this approach to reading and the addition of a remedial reading specialist it has been possible to bring many children back to their proper reading levels and to increase the positive attitude in the students toward the subject.

After considerable study and investigation through our monthly elementary principals' meetings with the superintendent, it has been decided to begin to incorporate the ESS (Elementary Science Study) program into our science curriculum. It will become a part of our grades 4-6 science curriculum this coming year and will be added to other grades in future years. The program is a move away from the textbook approach to a laboratory approach to science. It places strong emphasis on a non-directive approach and student initiated activities and exploration. In choosing this particular program, consideration was also made in selecting one that would provide a smooth transition to and preparation for the science program at Mohawk.

The library was relocated this year next to the art room. It has continued to be a most important part of our total instructional program and has been very ably overseen by Mrs. Ruth Rice and Mrs. Gladys Kendrick.

Total volumes in the Sanderson Academy collection have been increased to 1320. The average circulation per day is 70-80 books. A tape recorder and listening center have been added to the library for individual research and study or for listening to teacher or student prepared tapes.

Our concentrated efforts this next year will be in the area of reference materials.

We are most grateful for the generous gifts given to the library for the purpose of books by the Sanderson Academy Trustees and the Ashfield Masquers. We are also again thankful to all who supported our Second Annual Book Fair which provides extra resources for the purchase of books.

We would also like to thank the Trustees for their gift of a new merry-go-round for the playground. The children are indeed fortunate to have such a fine, large and well-equipped area for play and physical activity.

MAINTENANCE

Last summer new toilets were installed in our small boys' basement. This year we hope to concentrate our efforts on repairing and painting the gymnasium and redecorating the lower hallways, including new lighting. Other minor painting and plastering jobs will also be necessary due to the water damage from last year's ice problems.

COMMENTARY

With each ensuing year, my concern over the availability of physical space for growth at Sanderson has grown. We are now utilizing every available room for instruction in the building. With the growth that is inevitably to come, it might behoove us to think about what will happen if it becomes necessary to divide our classes further. With the addition of only a few students to our present single third and fifth grades, they will have reached a total number of students that is not conducive to good instruction or learning within a single room.

In closing, I should like to thank all who have been so cooperative and helpful in making this school year successful.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT D. SMALL

Principal

SCHOOL NURSE'S REPORT

To the Superintendent, Principal, School Committee, and Citizens of the Town of Ashfield:

I wish to submit my second annual report as School Nurse for the period December 1969 to December 1970.

School Health Services supplement, but are no substitute for, the health care parents should provide for their children. Rather than relieving parents of their responsibilities, these services are designed to encourage parents to devote attention to child health, to acquaint them with health problems of which they are unaware, and to encourage them to utilize the services of their physicians, dentist, and community health agency.

In the spring, a German Measles Clinic was held. Kindergarten through grade three pupils were eligible for the vaccine at this time.

Weighing and measuring of all students is done yearly. Dr. Boeh, the newly appointed School Physician, has completed the required yearly physicals in grades one, three, and five. Diphtheria-Tetanus boosters were given to the fifth graders if needed, and with parental permission.

Vision and hearing screening testing is conducted with all pupils. Failure notices are sent home and parental cooperation for follow up examinations by specialists has been excellent.

Mantoux skin testing for Tuberculosis was conducted in Kindergarten and grade one. No positive reactors were found.

Tooth brushing kits were distributed and brushing techniques discussed with the third graders.

A Menstrual Educational Film and discussion was held with the fifth and sixth grade girls.

School personnel are to be commended for the efficient manner in which they handled school emergencies throughout the year.

SUMMARY:

School Enrollment — 229

School Visits — 53

School Conferences — 33

Home Conferences — 20

Absences — 2215

In conclusion, I wish to express my gratitude to all personnel and parents for their co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

LORRAINE STRIPPE, R.N.

REPORT OF MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

1970 was a year of transition for the Mohawk Trail Regional School.

Beginning with the arrival of our new superintendent of schools in January to the resignation of the vice-principal in December, there have been many "happenings" in this school district that will have far-reaching effect.

Superintendent Arthur P. Silvester has worked diligently to interpret and evaluate the educational policies and goals of the Community, the School Committee, and the School System. In the Superintendent's report which follows, he has detailed much of the "Mohawk Story" for 1970 together with his analysis of the school and its future. The Mohawk School Committee has during this past year come to know our new superintendent as a man of great professional ability and integrity. His dedication to the advancement of the educational systems throughout our nine-town area is recognized and sincerely appreciated by all committee members.

The greatest advancement in the educational structure during 1970 was the cooperative merger of elementary and high school administration under the leadership of Superintendent Silvester. Some of the benefits of this "shared administration" are already becoming apparent in the co-ordination of our several school systems with resulting efficiencies in central office planning, purchasing, etc. A major benefit is that each school district now has the services of an assistant superintendent. Eugene E. Balazs was appointed to this new position during the summer and has capably served as Mr. Silvester's assistant at Mohawk as well as at the elementary schools.

Several other administrative personnel changes occurred during the year including the resignation of high school principal Herbert S. Merritt in July. In December vice-principal David L. Backlin resigned to take a position with the State Department of Education. To both of these educators the Committee expresses appreciation for their many years of service to the students and the community. In addition to their usual duties, Mr. Merritt had served as Acting Superintendent and Mr. Backlin as Acting Principal. Mr. Kenneth F. Hadermann assumed the principalship in September and has greatly impressed the committee with his organizational and leadership abilities. No successor to Mr. Backlin has been selected as yet.

The District was involved in a legal action in 1970 when a former administrator, Benedict L. Margarone, sued in a dispute over

salary. The court decision held that no additional salary was due. The Committee hereby acknowledges with appreciation the work of our counsel, Donald T. Hillier, Esquire.

As a genuine effort to improve "communications" between the students and the "Establishment", the committee invited two student representatives to become unofficial members of the school committee. Two boys were elected by the Student Council and sit regularly at committee meetings. We believe this action has been very successful and look for continued cooperation and understanding of our mutual problems.

Another area requiring cooperation and understanding is the Faculty-School Committee relationship. The new laws on collective bargaining place great responsibility on both teachers and committee members. Negotiations now cover much more than just salary and the committee has employed a "Professional Negotiator" to meet directly with the teacher representatives. On behalf of the School District we pledge that the improvement of educational opportunities for all our children will be the guiding principle in all our negotiations at Mohawk. We are assured of the same professional responsibility from the Mohawk Trail Teachers Association.

In addition to a report of the actions of the past year we believe it is equally important to inform all interested citizens about the philosophy and future directions of the school. The constantly changing educational scene requires frequent committee evaluation of present policies and sometimes the introduction of newer methods for the improvement of educational opportunity at Mohawk.

Mohawk is now in a period of evolutionary change. The administration is going to retain the best features of "Modular Scheduling" but will eliminate the almost complete control of the system by the computer. Human counselors will become the master of the computer and will offer truly "Flexible" scheduling for each student. While some students may detect more control and discipline from the school authorities, most students will be aware of a respect for their ability to handle free time. But such respect must be earned — it is even possible some self-motivated students might be eligible for participation in an "Open Campus Plan" which has proved successful elsewhere.

The Mohawk School has in the past demonstrated its ability to adapt to change and improvement. 1971 is the year of evaluation, and we look forward to another year of progress! With a dedicated administration and faculty, a loyal staff, an eager student body and an enlightened citizenry, Mohawk will achieve its goal — the finest

high school around, in spirit and in fact.

Respectfully submitted,

MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

JOHN H. WILLIAMS, Chairman	Rowe
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KENDALL G. ABBOTT	Buckland
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ERNA C. HERZIG	Colrain
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CLEMENT H. RECORD	Ashfield
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THOMAS PURINGTON	Student Representative
PETER WOOD	Student Representative
ARTHUR P. SILVESTER	Secretary
F. NEWTON MILLER	Treasurer

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

The past 12 months have been characterized by several changes. Since January we have had twelve teachers who have left the employment of the district. A breakdown of the reasons is indicated below:

Personal Reasons	9
Married and Moved Away	1
Gone Into Business	1
Contract Not Renewed	1

The district's loss also included Mr. Herbert Merritt who served the school since its inception. Previously he had served as principal of Arms Academy and prior to assuming that role had been employed as a mathematics teacher since 1958 at the Academy. The district is indebted to Mr. Merritt for his many contributions to the school organization and to the young people of the community.

Following the resignation of Mr. Merritt the school committee proceeded to secure a replacement. A screening subcommittee composed of members of the school committee together with representatives from the teachers' association and the student council were engaged in the review of applicants. This was followed by personal interviews of those candidates who appeared to meet the requirement of the job specifications. Only after all these procedures had been followed did the subcommittee make its recommendation to the full committee. Kenneth Hadermann of Brattleboro was selected for the position to succeed Mr. Merritt. Mr. Hadermann comes to us with an extensive background in education. He is a graduate of Columbia University with several years of teaching experience. Most recently he has served as principal of the Brattleboro High School. His depth of experience in a comprehensive high school should be of help to us at Mohawk in the years ahead.

The procurement of competent teachers for the classroom is one of the major responsibilities of a superintendent of schools. For the first time in over twenty years the supply of teachers in some areas is sufficient so as to provide competition and also to meet the necessary demands. This change has been brought about by the fact that there are now a vastly greater number of people graduating from college and also because industry is hiring smaller numbers of the new group of college graduates. This improved condition exists particularly in the subject areas of social studies and English. However, with the other disciplines in the high school it is necessary to exercise vigorous recruitment procedures in order to attract suitable and qualified candidates. Since a school is an organization dealing with people it is most important that individuals be procured who

are capable of working effectively with students of all levels of ability. It is this type of individual that we are endeavoring to find as it becomes necessary for us to secure replacements for one reason or another.

One area of the school that has been characterized by significant change this past year is the resource center or library. The administration and the School Committee have done a great deal of studying, planning, and implementation with regard to the improvement of this part of the school. The school library should be the intellectual heart of the school and this is what the administration and School Committee are endeavoring to achieve.

Not only are we locating all our resource materials in this center but we are also trying to increase the potentialities and use of the library and make it into a meaningful learning tool for teachers and students. Teachers must necessarily recognize that the methods of instruction that were appropriate twenty years ago are not necessarily effective today. So much more new knowledge surrounds us in our society today and our secondary school population throughout the Commonwealth now contains greater numbers of youngsters who are not particularly academically oriented. In order to spark their interest in learning, teachers must use new approaches together with the facilities of the resource center including the materials of the adjoining audio visual areas. These are the tools upon which a successful instructional program must be built. It is the intention of the School Committee and the administration to push forward in the development of the many potentialities of the resource center. More materials are being used by the students this year than in the past. Students for the first time are now assisting the director in the daily operation of the facility. On a trial basis the center is being opened one evening each week so that those students who want to come back may secure help from the director or the materials contained in the center.

Since September the professional staff have been involved in a program of self-evaluation. This is a necessary preliminary to a formal visitation for evaluation purposes that will be carried on by a visiting committee from the New England Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools this coming May. Mohawk has been in existence for three years and this represents the first outside assessment of the school and its programs. The recommendations that the visiting committee make will help the School Committee, the administration, and the professional staff in shaping the future development and usefulness of the school. The organization has already begun to collect some dividends from this assignment since staff members for the first time have had to sit down and think about the present school program and its operation. All too often, all of us, become so wrapped up in the immediate problems associated with

our work that we fail to be able to look objectively at the entire educational organizations.

The year has also been characterized by a rather comprehensive study and analysis of the effectiveness of our scheduling practices. In the past we have relied upon the services of the Westinghouse Corporation to create the master flexible modular schedule and assign pupils into it. Flexible modular scheduling that has been used at Mohawk is a relatively new educational innovation. It was designed for the purpose of trying to provide for the individual educational needs of each student in an effective manner. It assumes that every student within the school organization is self-motivated and anxious to obtain the best possible education available. It assumes, too, that every youngster will accept his academic responsibility. Both these assumptions are incorrect.

There is a typical cross-section of American society represented when you put together under one roof approximately 1,000 teenage people. First, there is a segment that would be sure to receive an education in spite of the school and the teachers in the organization. These are highly self-motivated students and they will learn regardless of the institutional roadblocks they may encounter. Another segment of the school population might be described as passively willing to learn. They generally want to conform to the expectations set up for them and will do so with proper stimulation and direction from the teaching staff. The cross-section of teenage population also contains a minority of reluctant students. They may be in school because that is where their friends are or because of parental pressure or because they do not have a job. Since they are not academically oriented and since their value structure is different from that of society generally they may be hostile to the school because it is a symbol of the establishment. A special approach by the professional staff must necessarily be developed if any effective learning is to result.

To the latter group, flexible modular scheduling has proved the device which has permitted more than the usual freewheeling. Students have not possessed the educational background of maturity, for self-study, or for the directing of their own educational destinies. One might say that it has been too easy for some students to engage in mischievous vandalism because of excessive unassigned time. Three years of experience with flexible modular scheduling at Mohawk indicates that more time needs to be spent with both students and staff in order to make flexible modular scheduling educationally worthwhile. Because flexible modular scheduling does offer so many potentialities, the high school administration and the School Committee are anxious to overcome the defects that have been present in the past so that each student will ultimately be the beneficiary of the program.

Beginning in January the high school administration will develop the master schedule for use in September. The schedule will be made by the principal and his staff. We are doing this so as to create a more effective schedule and one which better reflects the individual needs of the many students in our six year high school. We recognize the many weaknesses and deficiencies within the present organization and believe that the solution to many of our problems lies in a resolution of our scheduling situation.

Because so much time has elapsed in the past between the period when a marking period closed and when report cards became available to parents a standby change was initiated this fall. The purpose of this change was to speed up the entire process for the benefit of parents.

There are other areas of activity within the school that need improvement and strengthening. Such areas as the extra-curricular activities which do have a relationship with the academic subjects need to be further developed.

We need more student participation and we need to set our qualitative goals of expectation at a higher level. Our athletic program which offers educational benefits to both boys and girls would fall into the same category. We are still a young school struggling to improve ourselves but we have reached a point in time where we must take stock of where we are and revitalize ourselves toward the attainment of the goals that we all seek. It is to these tasks that the professional staff, the school administration, and the school committee are committed. In the year ahead, we hope to be further along toward the attainment of these goals.

Coordination between the elementary schools and the high school has been initiated this fall. In our monthly principals' meeting we have included representatives from the high school staff as we discuss curricular matters. This coming year should see a considerable increase of activity directly involving teachers from both the elementary schools and the high school. This probably is one of the areas that can reflect in the greatest improvement for all of our schools in the immediate years ahead. And the impetus comes as a result of the existence of a shared superintendency. Currently the guidance department at the high school is undertaking a systematic study of entering seventh graders to see what differences exist amongst them during the early months of their first year at Mohawk. The results of this study will be of help to each of the elementary school organizations. Another accomplished fact illustrating coordination of educational efforts occurred with our opening teachers meeting in September. At that time teachers from both the elementary and secondary school gathered at Mohawk during the morning for a program that was designed to be of help to all teachers.

It has been the intent of the superintendent during the past months to improve the school and its services to the greatest extent possible while keeping in mind the financial capability of the several communities and the fact that improvements are more apt to endure if wrought in an evolutionary rather than a revolutionary climate.

ARTHUR P. SILVESTER

Superintendent of Schools

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1970

	1970		1971
	Appropriations	Expenditures	Appropriations
1000 ADMINISTRATION			
1100.00.1 Legal Services	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,500.00
1100.00.2 Treasurer's Salary	1,900.00	1,450.00	1,500.00
1100.00.4 Contracted Services	1,000.00	1,541.70	1,327.00
1100.00.5 Treasurer's Supplies	400.00	590.45	500.00
1100.00.6 School Committee Expenses	800.00	953.22	760.00
1200.00.1 Supt. & Asst. Supt. Salaries	20,000.00	14,658.51	17,590.00
1200.00.2 Clerical Salaries	10,350.00	12,728.57	13,733.00
1200.00.4 Contracted Services	105.00	65.58	1,450.00
1200.00.5 Supt.'s Supplies	600.00	787.79	4,000.00
1200.00.6 Supt.'s Other Expenses	1,255.00	681.36	1,360.00
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	\$ 37,910.00	\$ 34,557.18	\$ 43,720.00
2000 INSTRUCTION			
2100.31.1 Department Chairmen			
2100.31.5 Department Chrm. Supplies	\$ 4,600.00	\$ 4,464.54	\$ 4,900.00
2100.31.6 Dept. Chrm. Other Expenses	570.00	504.02	570.00
2200.31.1 Princ. & Vice-Princ. Sal.	500.00	86.70	3,400.00
	25,300.00	25,449.30	28,600.00

2200.31.2	Clerical Salaries	13,834.00	15,007.67	16,173.00
2200.31.4	Contracted Services	8,100.00	9,435.73	8,000.00
2200.31.5	Principal Supplies	1,300.00	1,739.14	1,300.00
2200.31.6	Princ. Other Expenses	2,000.00	1,825.95	2,250.00
2300.31.1	Teachers' Salaries	505,750.00	505,956.74	561,350.00
2300.31.2	Teacher Aides	.....	.....	8,328.00
2300.32.1	Special Class Teacher	6,700.00	8,115.84	7,600.00
2300.32.1	Home Instruction	2,400.00	757.50	2,400.00
2300.31.4	Contracted Services	4,000.00	3,712.01	4,000.00
2300.31.5	Teaching Supplies	18,750.00	17,072.63	20,000.00
2300.31.6	Teachers Other Expenses	1,940.00	1,126.98	2,500.00
2300.32.5	Special Class Supplies	90.00	310.80	300.00
2300.32.6	Special Class Other Expenses	50.00	.....	100.00
2300.45.1	Tchr. Sal. Voc. Evening	1,400.00	2,665.00	SEE
2300.45.5	Voc. Evening Supplies	100.00	48.28	VOC.
2300.69.1	Tchr. Sal. Adult Voc. Evening	1,400.00	180.00	BUDGET
2300.69.5	Adult Voc. Even. Supplies	100.00	.....	.....
2400.31.5	Textbooks	11,200.00	8,003.78	11,200.00
2400.32.5	Spec. Class Textbooks	310.00	118.12	435.00
2500.31.1	Librarian's Salary	7,500.00	8,357.11	7,650.00
2500.31.2	Clerical Salary	2,700.00	2,893.91	3,200.00
2500.31.5	Library Supplies	10,000.00	7,722.63	10,000.00
2600.31.5	Audio Visual Supplies	4,996.00	3,902.45	5,000.00
2600.32.5	Spec. Class Audio Visual Supp.	50.00	76.20	141.00
2700.31.1	Guidance Salaries	37,390.00	40,959.47	43,616.00
2700.31.2	Guidance Clerical Salary	3,000.00	3,318.93	4,789.00
2700.31.4	Contracted Services	78.00	.....	78.00
2700.31.5	Guidance Supplies	1,292.00	1,290.30	1,500.00

2700.31.6 Guidance Other Expenses

610.00	295.03	600.00
<u>\$678,010.00</u>	<u>\$675,396.76</u>	<u>\$759,980.00</u>

3000 OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES

3100.31.1 Attendance Officer Salary	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00
3100.31.6 Other Expenses	125.00	51.40	125.00
3200.31.1 Health Salaries	7,500.00	8,303.44	8,269.00
3200.31.2 Nurse's Aide	100.00	.....	100.00
3200.31.4 Contracted Services	25.00	.....	25.00
3200.31.5 Health Supplies	250.00	248.76	250.00
3200.31.6 Health Other Expenses	50.00	55.00	100.00
3310.31.3 Leased Buses — Salaries	3,000.00	1,987.50	3,000.00
3310.31.5 Leased Buses — Supplies	1,000.00	875.46	1,000.00
3350.31.5 Leased Buses — Maintenance	500.00	.....	.....
3360.31.4 Parent Arranged Transportation	450.00	66.40	.....
3370.31.4 Pupil Transportation Contract	85,260.00	105,140.85	144,257.00
3370.31.6 Pupil Transp. Field Trips	4,025.00	1,564.85	1,200.00
3400.31.3 Cafeteria Salaries	6,475.00	6,217.02	6,720.00
3510.31.5 Athletics	3,600.00	5,002.11	6,500.00
3520.31.6 Other Activities	151.00	77.00	100.00
	<u>\$112,586.00</u>	<u>\$129,664.79</u>	<u>\$171,721.00</u>

4000 OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF PLANT

4110.31.3 Custodial Salaries	\$ 47,450.00	\$ 50,859.25	\$ 56,118.00
4110.31.5 Custodial Supplies	5,000.00	4,308.16	5,000.00
4120.00.5 Heat, Supt.'s Office	250.00	310.94	400.00
4120.31.5 Heat, High School	23,500.00	25,431.15	23,500.00

4130.00.6	Utilities, Supt.'s Office	1,050.00	1,105.66	1,250.00
4130.31.6	Utilities, High School	8,000.00	8,980.58	8,000.00
4210.31.4	Yards & Grounds Contract	8,500.00	.....	1,500.00
4210.31.5	Yards & Grounds Supplies	1,500.00	1,003.46	2,000.00
4220.31.5	Building Supplies	1,000.00	3,042.04	1,000.00
4230.00.5	Equip. Maint. Supt.'s Office	250.00	265.78	.....
4230.31.4	School Equip. Maint. Contract	1,000.00	251.28	1,000.00
4230.31.5	School Equip. Maint. Supplies	300.00	167.08	1,745.00
4230.31.8	School Equip. Repairs	1,730.00	1,632.57	3,675.00
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		\$ 99,530.00	\$ 97,357.95	\$105,188.00

5000 FIXED CHARGES

5100.31.5	Franklin Co. Retirement	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 10,793.70	\$ 11,500.00
5200.00.6	Supt.'s Office Insurance	70.00	45.00	140.00
5200.31.6	High School Insurance	6,500.00	4,186.23	15,000.00
5300.00.8	Rent, Supt.'s Office	1,080.00	900.00	1,080.00
5400.31.7	Debt. Service, Current Loan	5,000.00	6,877.25	7,000.00
5500.31.5	32B Health Insurance	7,800.00	11,360.89	9,700.00
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		\$ 29,450.00	\$ 34,163.07	\$ 44,420.00

6000 COMMUNITY SERVICES

6200.31.3	Custodial Services	\$ 100.00	\$ 190.74	\$ 100.00
6200.31.6	Other Expenses	25.00	44.75	25.00
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		\$ 125.00	\$ 235.49	\$ 125.00

7000 ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS

7320.00.8 Acquisition New Equip., Supt.'s Office	\$	\$ 900.00
7320.31.8 Acquisition New Equip., High School	5,332.31	6,620.00
7320.32.8 Acquisition New Equip., Special Class	342.69	160.00
7400.31.8 Replacement of Equip.	1,970.05	3,950.00
	<u>\$ 7,402.36</u>	<u>\$ 11,630.00</u>

8000 DEBT RETIREMENT and DEBT SERVICE

8100.31.7 Debt Retirement — Principal	\$145,000.00	\$145,000.00
8100.31.7 Debt Retirement — Interest	90,800.00	85,000.00
	<u>\$235,800.00</u>	<u>\$230,000.00</u>
	<u>\$1,203,871.00</u>	<u>\$1,366,784.00</u>

TOTALS

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION BUDGET

	1970	1971
2000 INSTRUCTION	Appropriations	Appropriations
2300.89.1 Teachers' Salaries	INCLUDED	SEE
Voc. Evening School	IN	2,490.00
Evening Director Salary	OPERATING	400.00
2300.89.5 Evening School Supplies	BUDGET	100.00
		<u>\$ 2,990.00</u>

3000 TRANSPORTATION			
3360.33.4 Vocational Day Transportation	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 14,559.62	\$ 26,050.00
9000 OTHER DISTRICTS			
9100.33.9 Vocational Day Tuition	\$ 39,100.00	\$ 21,615.40	\$ 32,540.00
9100.45.9 Voc. Even. Trade Tuition	300.00	222.00	390.00
9100.89.9 Voc. Even. Practical Arts Tuition	300.00	126.00	300.00
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	\$ 39,700.00	\$ 21,963.40	\$ 33,230.00
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	\$ 54,700.00	\$ 36,523.02	\$ 62,270.00
TOTALS			
CAFETERIA REVOLVING FUND			
Balance on Hand, January 1	\$ 4,777.27		
Receipts to Date	55,860.13		
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	\$ 60,637.40	\$ 55,095.02	\$ 5,542.38
ATHLETIC REVOLVING FUND			
Balance on Hand, January 1	\$ 99.64		
Receipts to Date	5,847.49		
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	\$ 5,947.13	\$ 5,708.69	\$ 238.44
BAND REVOLVING FUND			
Balance on Hand, January 1	\$ 399.94		
Receipts to Date	904.00		
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	\$ 1,303.94	\$ 999.96	\$ 303.98

1971 SUMMARY — OPERATING BUDGET

1000	ADMINISTRATION	\$ 43,720.00
2000	INSTRUCTION	759,980.00
3000	OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES	171,721.00
4000	OPERATION OF PLANT	105,188.00
5000	FIXED CHARGES	44,420.00
6000	COMMUNITY SERVICES	125.00
7000	ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS	11,630.00
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TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET		\$ 1,136,784.00
Less Anticipated Reimbursement		
From Commonwealth		
	Transportation	\$140,500.00
	Special Class	4,500.00
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		\$145,000.00
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To Be Raised By Member Towns		\$991,784.00
Per pupil Cost based on NET OPERATING BUDGET \$991,784.00 is		
\$972.34.		

ASSESSMENTS ON OPERATING BUDGET

<i>TOWN</i>	<i>1970 Number of Students</i>	<i>Percent of Total</i>	<i>Amount</i>
ASHFIELD	173	16.96%	\$168,206.57
BUCKLAND	233	22.84	226,523.46
CHARLEMONT	89	8.73	86,582.74
COLRAIN	185	18.14	179,909.62
HAWLEY	23	2.26	22,414.32
HEATH	49	4.80	47,605.63
PLAINFIELD	36	3.53	35,009.98
ROWE	34	3.33	33,026.41
SHELBURNE	198	19.41	192,505.27
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TOTAL	1,020	100.00%	\$991,784.00

1971 SUMMARY — CAPITAL BUDGET

<i>Towns</i>	<i>Per Cents As Per Agreement</i>	<i>Amount</i>
ASHFIELD	11.9%	\$ 21,015.40
BUCKLAND	19.3	34,083.80
CHARLEMONT	9.9	17,483.40
COLRAIN	16.3	28,785.80
HAWLEY	2.7	4,768.20
HEATH	4.3	7,593.80
PLAINFIELD	4.1	7,240.60
ROWE	11.5	20,309.00
SHELBURNE	20.0	35,320.00
TOTALS	100.0%	\$176,600.00
Principal Repayment		\$145,000.00
Interest		85,000.00
TOTAL		\$230,000.00
Less Construction		
Reimbursement from Commonwealth of Mass.		53,400.00
Balance To Be Raised		\$176,600.00

1971 VOCATIONAL BUDGET

<i>Town</i>	<i>Greenfield</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>McCann</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Ashfield	—	7	—	7	21.2%	\$ 9,938.13
Buckland	3	—	—	3	9.1	4,265.90
Charlemont	2	—	—	2	6.1	2,859.56
Colrain	4	4	1	9	27.2	12,750.81
Hawley	2	2	—	4	12.1	5,672.24
Heath	1	—	1	2	6.1	2,859.56
Plainfield	—	2	—	2	6.1	2,859.56
Rowe	1	—	—	1	3.0	1,406.34
Shelburne	2	1	—	3	9.1	4,265.90
	15	16	2	33	100.0%	\$ 46,878.00

Vocational Education

Mohawk Vocational Evening	\$ 2,990.00
Transportation	26,050.00
With Other Districts:	
Tuition, Day	32,540.00
Tuition, Night	690.00
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	\$ 62,270.00
Anticipated Receipts	15,392.00
To Be Raised:	\$ 46,878.00

MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

TREASURER'S REPORT

To: The Mohawk Trail Regional School Committee

From: F. Newton Miller, Treasurer

The following outlines the financial operation of the Mohawk Trail Regional School District for the year 1970:

January 1, 1970 — Cash on hand \$ 83,428.31

Received:

Town Assessments	\$ 1,041,321.00
Temporary Loans	690,000.00
Certificates of Deposit	265,000.00

Commonwealth of Mass. — Reimbursements

Transportation	88,531.00
School Building Assistance	53,866.06
Special Education Program	4,539.00
Vocational School Aid	32,274.00
Adult Education Trans.	411.00
Title II	591.52
Title III	1,334.34
Title V	801.00
School Lunch Program	15,732.14

Payroll Deductions

Federal Tax	103,646.32
State Tax	22,219.19
Mass. Teachers Retirement	29,978.43
Franklin County Retirement	5,610.86
Franklin Cty. Sch. Empl. Cr. Union	21,620.60
Washington Insurance	1,641.64
Medical Insurance	11,325.03
Tax Annuities	3,133.32
Teachers Association Dues	1,093.50

Revolving Funds	
School Lunch	40,127.99
School Athletics	5,219.99
School Music	1,531.50
Refunds	
Rebates on Notes	1,011.67
AMSCO (Tax)	.87
American Heritage	1.80
Time, Inc.	8.23
Interest on Cert. of Deposit	1,355.94
Tuition	25.00
Check — Stopped Payment	9.45
Check — Withdrawn	15.75
Petty Cash Repaid	150.00
Shop Projects	195.51
Payment of Damages	
To Books	266.18
To Floors	45.20
Concessions	
N. E. Telephone	163.03
Pepsi-Cola	82.88
Other Reimbursements	
Town of Greenfield — Band	28.00
Personal Tel. Calls repaid	4.15
District of Waterbury	45.50
Use of Buildings	
Arms Alumni	74.00
L. Gould	95.00
I. C. Track League	27.55
Town of Buckland	28.00
Town of Shelburne	12.25
Mohawk Council of Churches	7.00
	<hr/> \$ 2,445,202.39
Total	<hr/> \$ 2,528,630.70

Paid:	
Temporary Loans	\$690,000.00
Certificates of Deposit	265,000.00
Debt Retirement and Debt Service	235,800.00
Operations	
Administration	34,557.18
Instruction	675,412.51
Other School Services	129,664.79

Operation and Maintenance	
of Plant	97,357.95
Fixed Charges	34,163.07
Community Services	235.49
Acquisition of Fixed Assets	7,402.36
Vocational Education	
Transportation	14,559.62
Tuition — Day	21,615.40
Tuition — Evening	348.00
Payroll Deductions	
Federal Tax	103,646.32
State Tax	22,219.19
Mass. Teachers Retirement	29,978.43
Franklin County Retirement	5,610.86
Franklin Cty. Sch. Empl. Cr. Union	21,620.60
Washington Insurance	1,641.64
Medical Insurance	11,325.03
Tax Annuities	3,133.32
Teachers Association Dues	1,093.50
Revolving Funds	
School Lunch	55,120.02
School Athletics	5,758.69
School Music	999.96
Petty Cash	75.00
Equipment — Capital	748.72
Title II	591.52
Title V	201.88
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	\$ 2,469,881.05
Cash on Hand — January 1, 1971	58,749.65
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TOTAL	\$ 2,528,630.70

Respectfully submitted,

F. NEWTON, MILLER, *Treasurer*

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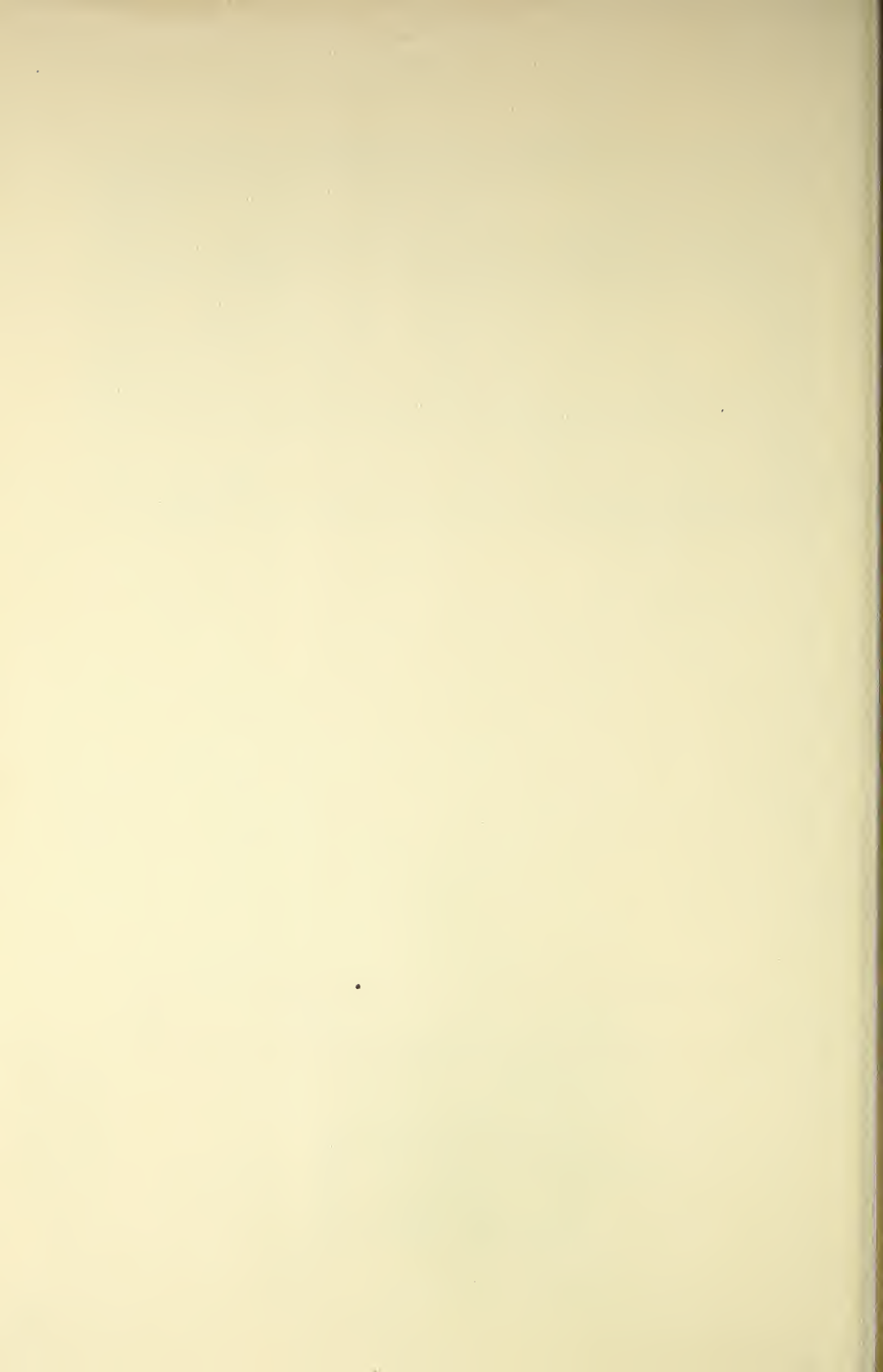


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TOWN OF
ASHFIELD
MASSACHUSETTS

ANNUAL REPORT

1971



Annual Report

OF

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Of The Town Of

ASHFIELD

MASSACHUSETTS



For The Year Ending

1971

Annual Report

OF THE

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ASSOCIATION

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FOR THE YEAR

1901

TOWN OFFICERS

MODERATOR

ARNOLD H. SLUTER

LINWOOD B. LESURE

CLERK and TREASURER

WALTER A. WHITNEY

SELECTMEN, BOARD OF HEALTH

RALPH L. HOWES

Term expires 1972

RAYMOND E. WARD, JR.

Term expires 1973

EDWARD W. SCOTT

Term expires 1974

ASSESSORS

RALPH L. HOWES

Term expires 1972

WARREN M. CHASE

Term expires 1973

MALCOLM S. CLARK

Term expires 1974

SANDERSON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

DOROTHY D. CRAFT

Term expires 1972

ROGER B. SCOTT

Term expires 1973

ROBERT S. ROBERTSON

Term expires 1974

MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

ROBERT S. ROBERTSON

Term expires 1972

CLEMENT H. RECORD

Term expires 1974

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

WALTER A. WHITNEY, JR.

Term expires 1972

DOROTHY GRAY

Term expires 1973

ANN LILLY

Term expires 1974

HOPE PACKARD

Term expires 1975

WILLIAM FITZGERALD

Term expires 1976

FINANCE COMMITTEE

RALPH L. HOWES

Term expires 1972

RAYMOND E. WARD, JR.

Term expires 1972

EDWARD W. SCOTT

Term expires 1972

WARREN M. CHASE

Term expires 1972

MALCOLM S. CLARK

Term expires 1972

PARK COMMISSION

ALBERT PIEROPAN

Term expires 1972

DAVID H. FULLER

Term expires 1973

CLIFTON E. PEASE

Term expires 1974

TAX COLLECTOR

JANE E. WARD

Term expires 1973

CONSTABLES

EUGENE POISSANT, JR.	Term expires 1974
NORMAN B. WARD	Term expires 1974
WALTER D. ZALENSKI	Term expires 1974

AUDITOR

EUGENE R. GODIN

PLANNING BOARD

FRANK A. ELDRIDGE	Term expires 1972
DONALD OUIMETTE	Term expires 1973
ARNOLD SLUTER & CHARLES P. BUCK	Term expires 1974
PAULINE J. NYE	Term expires 1975
RALPH S. PEASE	Term expires 1976

BOARD OF APPEALS

JOHN R. MOTT	Term expires June 1972
ROBERT J. KING	Term expires June 1973
KENNETH A. LILLY	Term expires June 1974
RALPH E. TOWNSLEY, Associate Member	Term expires June 1972
WALTON F. DATER, Associate Member	Term expires June 1973

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

LINWOOD B. LESURE	Term expires 1972
PHILIP DATER	Term expires 1973
ARTHUR L. WILLIAMS	Term expires 1974

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

JUNE E. FITZGERALD	C. FOWLER PICKHARDT
PHILIP L. NOLAN, JR.	WALTER A. WHITNEY

SURVEYORS OF WOOD & LUMBER

DONALD S. GRAVES	DONALD A. BURNETT
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FENCE VIEWERS

CHARLES C. GRAY	RUSSELL V. LOOMIS
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DOG OFFICER

ROLAND D. TAYLOR

FIELD DRIVERS and POUND KEEPERS

MALCOLM S. CLARK	MERTON HOWES
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TREE WARDEN and MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

RAMON R. SEARS

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

ARTHUR P. SILVESTER

FIRE CHIEF and FOREST WARDEN
ROBERT VAN IDERSTINE

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS
WILLIAM R. FITZGERALD

INSPECTOR OF WIRES
DOUGLAS H. NYE

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT
RALPH W. GRAVES

BURIAL AGENT
NORMAN PIKE

TOWN WARRANT

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Franklin ss:

To any of the Constables of the Town of Ashfield, in the
County of Franklin, Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and Town Affairs, to meet in the Town Hall, in said Ashfield, on Saturday, the fourth day of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon then and there to act on the following articles:

ART. 1. To choose a Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Auditor and Tree Warden for one year. One Selectman and Member of the Board of Public Welfare, One Assessor, One member of the Ashfield School Committee, and a Park Commissioner for three years. A Library Trustee and One Planning Board member for five years; One Planning Board member for 2 years. All on one ballot and to choose all other necessary Town Officers. Polls may be closed at 3:00 P.M.

QUESTION: Shall Licenses be granted in this Town for the operation, holding or conducting a game commonly called Beano? YES NO

ART. 2. To act on the reports of the Town Officers.

ART. 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the use of the Tree Warden to include necessary spraying, or act relative thereto.

ART. 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the use of the Board of Health.

ART. 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury the sum of \$2,250.00 under Chapter 90. Said money to be used on the West Road in conjunction with any money which may be allotted by the State or County, or both, for this purpose or act relative thereto.

ART. 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury the sum of \$10,000.00 under Chapter 90 Maintenance. Said

ART. 11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue for the financial years beginning January 1, 1972 and January 1, 1973, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

ART. 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for Memorial Day, or act relative thereto.

ART. 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than the sum of \$600.00 for Park and Beach maintenance, or act relative thereto.

ART. 14. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to contract with the Ashfield Water Company for the use of hydrants for fire protection and to raise and appropriate not more than the sum of \$375.00 for that purpose.

ART. 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than the sum of \$1,150.00 for a Life Guard and a Swimming Instructor for the Town Beach.

ART. 16. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of any used Town owned equipment, or act relative thereto.

ART. 17. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the balance of the 1971 Machinery Earnings (\$4,482.30) and the balance of the 1971 Machinery Expense Account (\$1,734.22) to the 1972 Machinery Expense Account to be used for the purpose of purchasing, repairing and operating road machinery, or act relative thereto.

ART. 18. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 from Overlay Surplus for a Reserve Fund, or act relative thereto.

ART. 19. To see if the Town will vote to accept the List of Jurors as prepared by the Selectmen.

ART. 20. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the 1971 Ambulance Earnings and Gifts (\$1,958.65) and the balance of the 1971 Ambulance Maintenance Fund (\$ -65.77) and the money received from the sale of the old, used ambulance (\$225.00) to the 1972 Ambulance Maintenance Fund to be used to maintain, equip and eventually replace the Town Ambulance, or act relative thereto.

ART. 21. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Surplus Revenue the sum of \$20,000.00 for the purpose of financing State and County Grants for Chapter 81, Chapter 90 and Chapter 90 Maintenance Highway Work. Reimbursement, when received, to be returned to Surplus Revenue, or act relative thereto.

ART. 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25.00 for use of the Conservation Commission.

ART. 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,800.00 to pay the salary of the Police Chief.

ART. 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than the sum of \$2,100.00 to provide for the Town's share of the expenses of the Ashfield-Sunderland-Whately-Conway Public Health District, or act relative thereto.

ART. 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than the sum of \$191,043.69 for the support of public and vocational schools.

ART. 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$195,069.10 (Operating \$163,377.44, Capital \$20,325.20, Vocational \$11,366.46) to pay the Town's share of the 1972 capital cost and operation budget of the Mohawk Trail Regional School.

ART. 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 for the Salary and Expenses of the Director of Civilian Defense, or act relative thereto.

ART. 28. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Assessors to use the sum of \$5,000.00 from Free Cash to be applied to reduce the Tax Rate.

ART. 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise \$1,800.00 to paint a portion of Sanderson Academy and to

authorize the Selectmen and the Town Treasurer to draw on the Frederick A. Cross General Purposes Fund for this amount, or act relative thereto.

ART. 30. (This Article by Petition) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$149.40 to reimburse the Ashfield Historical Society, Inc., for one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of the Real Estate Tax paid in 1971.

ART. 31. (This Article by Petition) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50.00 to pay for the operating cost of a new street light at the intersection of Route 116 and Pleasant Street, Ashfield.

NOTE: The Official Town Warrant may contain an Article for design and operation plans concerning a landfill dump operation.

RALPH L. HOWES
EDWARD W. SCOTT
RAYMOND E. WARD, JR.

Selectmen of Ashfield

NOTE: This warrant appears as a matter of information. The Official Town Warrant may contain changes and/or additions.

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand January 1, 1971 \$160,114.55
Jane E. Ward, Tax Collector:

1967	Real Estate Tax	\$ 255.00	
	Personal Property Tax	18.70	
	Interest	88.38	
	Motor Vehicle Excise	26.40	
	Interest	3.24	
	Costs	9.00	
1968	Real Estate Tax	107.47	
	Personal Property Tax	61.05	
	Interest	27.84	
	Motor Vehicles Excise	204.60	
	Interest	27.34	
	Costs	32.00	
1969	Real Estate Tax	4,154.94	
	Personal Property Tax	1,012.44	
	Interest	561.07	
	Motor Vehicles Excise	729.84	
	Interest	95.14	
	Costs	113.00	
1970	Real Estate Tax	15,038.70	
	Personal Property Tax	677.00	
	Farm Animal Excise	189.35	
	Interest	837.38	
	Motor Vehicle Excise	8,893.76	
	Interest	97.75	
	Costs	197.00	
1971	Real Estate Tax	250,347.11	
	Personal Property Tax	37,880.82	
	Farm Animal Excise	2,004.48	
	Interest	134.19	
	Motor Vehicle Excise	26,566.84	
	Interest	22.87	
	Costs	101.00	
			\$350,515.70

Treasurer of the Commonwealth:

Chapter 90 (1967)	\$ 10,148.49
Chapter 90 Maintenance (1970)	5,000.00
Chapter 81 (1970)	4,898.33

Chapter 768, Sec. 4	2,106.87	
Chapter 90 Maintenance (1971)	10,000.00	
School Aid, Chapter 70	66,278.48	
School Aid, Ch. 69 & 71	397.50	
Transportation	15,101.00	
Outside Voc. Transportation	2,297.00	
Educational Tuition, Reimbursement	2,256.00	
Tuition & Transportation, State Wards	5,268.04	
Chapter 74, Sec. 10	712.00	
Cafeteria Equipment, U. S. Grant	1,256.54	
Member Regional School District (1970)	1,226.30	
Member Regional School District (1971)	9,934.26	
E. S. E. A. Title I	8,588.00	
E. S. E. A. Title II	354.85	
Hot Lunch Reimbursement	4,829.45	
Valuation Basis	6,857.00	
Machinery Basis	311.49	
Inspection of Animals	62.50	
Veterans Benefits	565.98	
Reimbursement, Loss of Taxes	302.82	
Civil Defense Director, Reimbursement	158.92	
Highway Safety Program, Returned to Cross Fund	8,050.00	
Highway Safety Program	3,130.00	
		\$170,091.82
Treasurer of Franklin County:		
Dog Tax Refund	\$ 203.88	
Dog Officer Expense	88.00	
Chapter 90 Maintenance (1970)	5,000.00	
Chapter 90 (1967)	5,074.25	
Chapter 90 Maintenance (1971)	10,000.00	
		\$ 20,366.13
Town of Plainfield, Tuition	19,485.85	
Town of Plainfield, Use of Road Machinery	298.75	
Town of Goshen, Use of Road Machinery	126.00	
Dept. of Public Works, Snow Removal	1,892.25	
Machinery Earnings	12,165.30	
Hot Lunch Receipts	8,769.14	
Ambulance Earnings	20.00	
Ambulance Gifts	245.00	
Ambulance Gift, Mary Rich Estate	100.00	
Ambulance Gifts, Memory of Burt Crocker	415.15	
Ambulance Gifts, Memory of Elvin Sandberg	75.00	
Ambulance Gifts, Memory of John Hale	209.00	
Ambulance gifts, Memory of Freeman Whitehouse	212.00	
Ambulance Gifts, Memory of Adelaide Howes	291.50	

Ambulance Gifts, Memory of Frank & Lucy Gray	60.00
Ambulance Gifts, Memory of Walter Curtis	56.00
Ambulance Gifts, Memory of Ernest Wing	134.50
Ambulance Gifts, Memory of Lawrence Jenkins	110.00
Ambulance Gifts, Memory of Lynwood Streeter	30.50
Collections of Public Health Nurse	597.99
Hall Rent	59.00
Licenses & Permits	121.25
Building & Occupancy Permits	75.00
Installers Permits	24.00
Appeals Board Fees	90.00
Raffles Permit	10.00
I.D. Gun Cards	58.00
Package Store Licenses	500.00
District Court Fines	85.00
Sale of Town Histories	54.37
Sale of Bicentennial Programs	12.00
Sale of Street Lists	3.00
Dog Licenses	610.35
Gravel	78.00
Federal Withholding Tax	21,881.50
Mass. Withholding Tax	4,612.93
Retirement Deductions	3,579.45
Blue Cross Deductions	3,375.75
Sale of Truck Body (Bid)	176.53
Sale of Distributor	10.00
Raymond H. Reniff, Reimbursement	14.90
Veterans Benefits, Reimbursement	1,950.76
Georganna M. Gorman, Scraping Drive	18.78
Green Meadows Nursing Home, Scraping Drive	29.00
Income of Whiting Street Fund	126.48
Income of Frederick A. Cross Library Fund	262.52
Income of Cemetery Funds	170.60
Income of M. M. Belding, Jr. Fund	
For Library	109.89
For Park	109.89
William A. Hathaway Fund	20.00
Cancelled Checks	137.80
Frederick A. Cross Fund, Ambulance (returned)	6,750.00
Frederick A. Cross Fund, Painting School (returned)	3,500.00
Frederick A. Cross Fund, Land	3,000.00
Interest on Treasurer's Cash, Savings Banks	919.40
Interest on Treasurer's Cash, Certificates of Deposit	1,037.50
Temporary Loan — Shelburne Falls National Bank	40,000.00
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	\$839,955.78

DISBURSEMENTS

Selectmen's Orders	\$489,684.70
School Committee Orders:	
Appropriation	164,520.84
Hot Lunch	13,891.91
Special Cafeteria	1,256.54
E. S. E. A. Title I	43.24
E. S.E.A. Title II (1970)	8,588.00
E. S. E. A. Title II (1971)	354.85
Cash Balance	161,615.70
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	\$839,955.78

CASH BALANCE

Checking Account	\$ 57,695.08
Savings Bank Deposits	16,822.65
Certificate of Deposit	50,000.00
Checks & Cash in Office	37,097.97
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	\$161,615.70

ASSETS OF THE TOWN

Cash Balance	\$161,615.70
Uncollected 1967 Tax	85.00
Uncollected 1968 Tax	903.14
Uncollected 1969 Tax	1,441.45
Uncollected 1970 Tax	6,285.56
Uncollected 1971 Tax	27,058.45
Uncollected 1970 Animal Excise Tax	118.00
Uncollected 1971 Animal Excise Tax	373.35
Uncollected 1968 Auto Excise Tax	389.68
Uncollected 1969 Auto Excise Tax	209.84
Uncollected 1970 Auto Excise Tax	1,589.06
Uncollected 1971 Auto Excise Tax	5,782.75
Due from the County	
Dog Officer Expense	44.00
Chapter 90 (1969)	2,048.10
Due from the State:	
Chapter 81	20,625.00
Chapter 90 (1969)	4,096.20
Elementary Transportation, 1968, 1969 & 1970	6,125.63
Elementary Transportation 1971	6,177.92
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	\$244,968.83

TOWN FUNDS, DECEMBER 31, 1971

Susan H. Howes Fund	\$ 933.36
Whiting Street Fund	2,409.86
Henry Taylor Fund	3,936.72
*Major King Fund	5,592.19
Salmon Miller Fund	6,040.40
*Eliza Miller Fund	12,632.87
William A. Hathaway Fund	9,548.40
xFrederick A. Cross General Purpose Fund	49,765.25
Stabilization Fund	3,413.83
*These Funds each hold \$1,000. face value in U. S. Savings Bonds.	
xThis Fund holds \$6,500. face value in U. S. Savings Bonds.	

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER A. WHITNEY,
Town Treasurer

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

1971	Name	Parents
JANUARY		
16—	Alan Landon Taylor	Roland D and Linda L. (Beals) Taylor
19—	Bruce Arthur Gardner	Wayne B. and Rita M. (Gougeon) Gardner
27—	Amanda Marie Graves	Francis A. and Judith M. (Fitzgerald) Graves
MARCH		
8—	Jocelyn Christine Beaudoin	Dennis C. and Vivian M. (Devine) Beaudoin
MAY		
19—	Robert Joseph Wallner	Robert J. and Margery A. (Phelps) Wallner
25—	George Kenneth Carner	George K. and Mary E. (Ford) Carner

JUNE

9—Christine Amelia Craig

James L. and Susan E. (Helms) Craig

JULY

4—Erik Cameron Gilchrist

Alan L. and Judith A. (Cameron) Gilchrist

AUGUST

2—Hadley Patricia McDonald

Peter C. and Pamela W. (Taylor) McDonald

31—Lawrence Nelson Fuller, Jr.

Lawrence N. and Joanne H. (Sears) Fuller

SEPTEMBER

6—Stephanie Marie Senecal

Donald F. and Marjorie R. (Rice) Senecal

OCTOBER

14—Deborah Lee Field

Douglas M. and Dianne R. (Dickinson) Field

30—Heather Marie Kirkpatrick

Warren and Dana M. (Rich) Kirkpatrick

(Errors or omissions should be reported to the Town Clerk)

MARRIAGES

1971

JANUARY

9—Stephen A. Dufresne
Ashfield, Mass.

Cynthia Brooks
Buckland, Mass.

MAY

22—Randall D. Dixon
Brattleboro, Vt.

Nancy Helen Chandler
Ashfield, Mass.

JUNE

26—Keith Alan Jenkins
Greenfield, Mass.

Anne Marie Viehmann
Ashfield, Mass.

AUGUST

6—James Charles Powers
Northampton, Mass.

Julie Lynn Adreance
Ashfield, Mass.

11—Frank Edward Carter
Ashfield, Mass.

Dorothy K. (Howes) Hendricks
Ashfield, Mass.

14—Lyle V. Bailey
Blue Earth, Minn.

Judy E. Hull
Ashfield, Mass.

28—Thomas G. Cranston Ashfield, Mass.	Cynthia H. Graves Conway, Mass.
OCTOBER	
9—Hiroya Bamba Amherst, Mass.	Jane Dalzell Hallowell Amherst, Mass.
NOVEMBER	
6—Brian C. Dickinson Ashfield, Mass.	Laurie L. Stebbins Ashfield, Mass.
DECEMBER	
30—Dennis Gould Charlemont, Mass.	Judith (Stimson) Graves Ashfield, Mass.

		DEATHS		
1971	Name	Yrs.	Mos.	Days
JANUARY				
9—	Andrew Revoir	82	10	4
16—	Augustus Duchacek	77	0	0
26—	Albert Gelinas	74	2	0
FEBRUARY				
24—	Eva May (Le Baron) Mooney	86	10	2
MARCH				
14—	Burt Allen Crocker	83	1	29
17—	Mary Kuzma Cutler	56	11	2
23—	William White	86	6	26
APRIL				
18—	Myron W. Ryder, Sr.	72	8	9
19—	Keith Anthony Tobey Smith	14	10	23
23—	Ruby (Bardwell) Burnett	71	8	25
30—	Clara Eliza (Keene) Armstrong	91	10	1
MAY				
2—	John Janasik	74	9	6
JULY				
18—	Mae Estella (Hauck) Pfersick	76	11	5
AUGUST				
1—	Winford Lyman Shumway	68	1	1
4—	John J. Hale	85	8	23

22—Freeman C. Whitehouse	64	2	3
23—Adelaide (Taylor) Howes	59	5	3
SEPTEMBER			
9—Violet C. (Pardy) Lundrigan	55	1	17
30—Abba Lucina (Hoisington) Fancy	82	9	10
OCTOBER			
10—Lucy Alden Gray	82	0	6
11—Frank Lyman Gray	79	8	29
11—Walter E. Gerry	86	0	3
14—Walter Edson Curtis	84	4	12
NOVEMBER			
11—Hippolit Mierzejewski	78	0	0
11—Ernest R. Wing	94	3	26
24—Harry Richard Carlisle	91	0	19
DECEMBER			
4—John Zukowski	82	3	29
7—Zola (Morgan) Wells	90	11	6
7—Arthur D. Harris	81	6	13
19—Laurence E. Jenkins	79	4	0
26—Lynwood Howard Streeter	61	2	23
28—Lawrence R. Robertson	74	11	25

BALLOTING

	<i>Registered Voters</i>	<i>Votes Cast ..</i>
Annual Town Meeting, March 6, 1971	606	290

DOG LICENSES ISSUED

2 Male	@ \$ 2.00	\$ 4.00	
93 Male	3.00	279.00	
3 Female	5.00	15.00	
20 Female	6.00	120.00	
4 Spayed Females	2.00	8.00	
51 Spayed Females	3.00	153.00	
8 Kennel	10.00	80.00	
		<hr/> \$	659.00
Paid Town Treasurer	\$	610.35	
Fees Retained		48.65	
		<hr/> \$	659.00

FISH AND GAME LICENSES ISSUED

19 Resident Citizen Sporting (over 70)			Free
2 Resident Military-Naval Sporting			Free
2 Resident Citizen Fishing (Paraplegic or Blind)			Free
61 Resident Citizen Fishing	@ \$ 5.25	\$ 320.25	
74 Resident Citizen Hunting	5.25	388.50	
78 Resident Citizen Sporting	8.25	643.50	
17 Resident Citizen Minor Fishing	3.25	55.25	
30 Resident Citizen Female Fishing	4.25	127.50	
1 Resident Citizen Minor Trapping	3.25	3.25	
2 Resident Citizen Trapping	8.75	17.50	
9 Special Non-Resident Fishing	5.25	47.25	
5 Non-Resident Citizen Fishing	9.75	48.75	
2 Non-Resident Citizen Hunting	16.25	32.50	
2 Duplicate	.50	1.00	
9 Archery Deer Stamps	1.10	9.90	
		<hr/>	\$ 1,695.15
Paid Division of Fisheries & Game		\$ 1,624.50	
Fees Retained		70.65	
		<hr/>	\$ 1,695.15

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER A. WHITNEY,

Town Clerk

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

The year 1971 turned out to be an interesting and busy year with several problems confronting the Town. Among the most prominent of these was the "No Burning" Order concerning the dump with the ensuing regulations for use of the dump, as well as the Order from the Water Pollution Control Division to start proceedings toward construction of a sewage plant. While not all the problems were completely resolved, actions were taken to satisfy those involved, at least for the time being.

The old ambulance was replaced by a new Pontiac ambulance early in the year and has proved itself on several occasions. A "Thank you" is in order to those who made this purchase possible by actively pursuing and obtaining a Federal grant for 50% of the financing.

No major piece of equipment was added to the Highway Department this year. A very good maintenance program by the department has kept the existing equipment in dependable condition but the years are now beginning to show on some of it. It is obviously prudent to replace this equipment periodically and keeping this in mind, the Board will recommend a major purchase from time to time upon consultation with and suggestions from the Highway personnel.

Continued emphasis during the past year was placed upon the upgrading of existing roads rather than the construction of new roads. About one-third (25 miles) of the Town's highways are in the Chapter 90 category and many of these were constructed as much as 50 years ago. It is, therefore, the feeling of this Board that time and monies spent upgrading these old roads will be of more benefit to the townspeople than the building of new roads in the immediate future. This policy, however, hinges on County and State approval on a year-to-year basis, approval which has been very favorable the past two years.

Winter roads were quite an item this past year due to the frequency of storms and the extended period of winter weather. But with dedication and hard work, the Highway Department did what we consider a very satisfactory job.

FINANCIAL CONDITION

Because of the great delay in receipt (end of June) from Boston of the 1971 Cherry Sheet, the Town was correspondingly late in getting out its tax bills. Consequently, for the first time since 1934 it had to borrow, late in June, \$40,000 in anticipation of 1971 tax receipts. The Town repaid November 4th the entire principal amount at a total interest cost of \$433.33. The only remaining indebtedness as of January 1, 1972, is the as yet unamortized portion (\$235,500) of the Town's share (\$321,900) of the original borrowing to construct

the Mohawk Trail Regional High School. Uncollected taxes and excises, although in gross sum (\$44,400) the highest during the past ten years, equalled only 11.3 percent of the total amount due during 1971. That figure is slightly less than the average figure of 12.0 percent for the last ten years. This seeming contradiction is, of course, entirely due to the facts that the total of real and personal property taxes assessed has more than trebled between 1962 (\$103,300) and 1971 (\$323,100) and the motor vehicle excise risen by nearly 70 percent.

TOWN ASSETS AND OBLIGATIONS

(As of January 1 and in thousands of dollars)

ASSETS					OBLIGATIONS	
Year	Cash	Uncollected		Owed..By	Total	Total
		Excises	& Taxes			
			County	State		
1963	88.1	16.1	5.1	26.5	135.8	14.0
1964	88.5	23.0	9.5	18.5	139.5	12.0
1965	89.5	18.6	9.7	28.3	146.1	10.0
1966	102.4	34.1	8.8	24.9	170.2	8.0
1967	127.3	29.4	7.1	16.7	180.5	6.0
1968	129.2	26.5	5.7	22.4	183.8	308.6*
1969	128.4	22.4	10.5	22.9	184.2	289.3**
1970	139.0	37.3	7.2	11.1	194.6	270.1***
1971	160.1	36.2	9.3	18.6	224.2	252.8***
1972	161.6	44.4	2.0	37.0	245.0	235.5***

* Including \$304.6 of original \$321.9 of Mohawk Trail Regional High School indebtedness

** Including \$287.3 of original \$321.9 of Mohawk Trail Regional High School indebtedness

*** Exclusively Mohawk Trail Regional High School indebtedness

There has been no interruption in the relentless rise of expenditures, and tax and excise receipts to cover them, as illustrated by the following table (in thousands of dollars):

PAYMENT ORDERS BY			COLLECTED	
Year	Selectmen	School Committee	Real & Personal Property Taxes	Motor Vehicle & Frm. Annl. & Mach. Excises
1962	168.9	110.2	101.6	23.0
1963	182.7	129.2	111.3	18.5

1964	198.6	147.5	132.4	28.1
1965	204.0	156.0	137.7	22.8
1966	217.4	169.1	153.2	29.1
1967	196.3+72.6*	183.5	186.8	32.8
1968	205.5+133.5*	161.2	225.3	29.5
1969	189.9+147.6*	165.1	252.6	27.1
1970	204.7+167.8*	172.2	288.9	33.9
1971	290.5+199.2*	188.7	309.6	38.6

* Exclusively for Mohawk Trail Regional High School

In closing, the Selectmen would like to thank the various department heads and their personnel for their fine cooperation throughout the year. And to Don Lesure goes a special "Thank you" for placing the needs of others above your own in times of emergencies as you have done so many, many times during the year. Due to your proximity and willingness, you seem to be driving both the ambulance and fire truck pretty regularly. We wish to express our gratitude to you and to all the many others who have donated their time to both of these departments.

RALPH L. HOWES

EDWARD W. SCOTT

RAYMOND E. WARD, JR.

Selectmen of Ashfield

AMBULANCE FUND

Earnings & Gifts for 1970		\$ 964.50
Balance forward from 1970		1,014.57
Appropriation		500.00
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		\$ 2,479.07
Transferred to New Ambulance	\$ 1,500.00	
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		1,500.00
(Special Town Meeting — March 24, 1971)		<hr/>
		\$ 979.07
Allied Surgical	\$ 7.93	
Apothecary Shop	8.00	
Ashfield Auto Body	5.00	
Louis Boeh M.D.	8.00	
Cromco Electronics	98.55	
Elmer's Store	33.56	
Garden State Rescue	70.00	
Ken's Cleaners	1.50	
Keyes Hardware	3.39	
Mass. Surgical, Inc.	33.40	
Massamont Insurance	522.41	
Merriam-Graves Corp.	12.05	
Miscellaneous	18.25	
Norm's Service Station	3.45	
Parks Superior Sales	182.50	
Vight's Garage	36.85	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,044.84
Debit Balance		<hr/>
		\$ 65.77

AMBULANCE — NEW

Transferred from Ambulance Fund	\$ 1,500.00
Appropriation from Overlay Surplus	5,250.00
Appropriation from Frederick A. Cross Gen. Purpose Fund	6,750.00
(Special Town Meeting — March 24 1971)	<hr/>
	\$ 13,500.00
Parks Superior Sales	<hr/>
	\$ 13,500.00

ASHFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Appropriation	\$ 137.82
Unexpended Balance	\$ 137.82

ASHFIELD LAKE DIKE & DAM

Unexpended Balance forward from 1970	\$ 1,984.29
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BOARD OF HEALTH

Appropriation	\$	100.00
Unexpended Balance	\$	100.00

BONDS

Appropriation	\$	443.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		10.00
	\$	453.00
Massamont Insurance Agency	\$	453.00

BRIDGES & RAILINGS

Appropriation	\$	200.00
Unexpended Balance	\$	200.00

CARE OF SOLDIERS' GRAVES

Appropriation	\$	175.00
Ashfield Burial Ground Ass'n	\$	175.00

CHAPTER 81

Appropriation	\$	3,900.00
State Allotment	•	20,625.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		.07
	\$	24,525.07

Belding Memorial Park — gravel	\$	66.00
John J. Hudson — tar		2,876.96
Town owned Equipment		6,800.35
JAG Chemical Corp. — brush killer		325.20
Labor		11,982.35
Harold Roberts — gravel		337.20
A. Linwood Williams — sand & gravel		220.80
Warner Bros. — patch & gravel		787.72
Bill Willard, Inc.		794.52
Wye Industries — Brush killer		333.97
	\$	24,525.07

CHAPTER 90 — CONSTRUCTION**1967**

Unexpended Balance as of Dec. 31, 1970	\$	2,915.38
Transferred from Reserve Fund		.12
	\$	2,915.50
C. A. Denison Lumber Co.	\$	20.00
A. Linwood Williams — Gravel		534.40
Labor		1,286.85

Town Owned Equipment	966.25	
Town of Plainfield	108.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,915.50

CHAPTER 90 — CONSTRUCTION

1969

Unexpended Balance as of Dec. 31, 1970		\$ 29,000.00
New England Metal Culvert — guard rail, culvert	\$ 2,149.16	
Day's Store	3.54	
Keyes Hardware	3.80	
William Whitehouse — culvert	63.80	
William Whitehouse — hired equipment	648.00	
A. Linwood Williams — gravel	294.20	
Labor	3,029.55	
Town Owned Equipment	1,946.35	
Town of Plainfield	54.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 8,192.00
Unexpended Balance		\$ 20,807.60

CHAPTER 90 — CONSTRUCTION

1970

Unexpended Balance as of Dec. 31, 1971	\$ 29,000.00
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CHAPTER 90 — CONSTRUCTION

1971

Appropriation (\$2,106.87) from Available Funds	\$ 2,250.00
County Allotment	2,250.00
State Allotment	4,500.00
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	\$ 9,000.00
Unexpended Balance	\$ 9,000.00

CHAPTER 90 — MAINTENANCE

Appropriation	\$ 10,000.00
County Allotment	10,000.00
State Allotment	10,000.00
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	\$ 30,000.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund	1.00
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	\$ 30,001.00
Bill Willard, Inc. — Grits	\$ 2,228.13
All States Asphalt	5,743.22
Northeastern Culvert Co.	1,517.40

John J. Hudson	1,380.85	
Warner Bros. — Patch	1,227.07	
Wye Industries — brush killer	364.78	
Westhampton Sand & Gravel	1,229.70	
Trew Corp. — patch	84.00	
JAG Chemical — brush killer	379.50	
Labor	10,085.50	
Town Owned Equipment	3,815.35	
Town of Plainfield	241.00	
Ted Wolf	715.00	
C. W. Ward, Inc.	220.50	
John Smith	98.00	
Robert J. Ormond	671.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 30,001.00

CIVIL DEFENSE

Appropriation		\$ 25.00
Unexpended Balance forward from 1970		100.16
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		\$ 125.16
Commonwealth of Massachusetts	\$ 14.90	
Mileage	10.08	
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Unexpended Balance		<hr/>
		\$ 100.18

CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR

Appropriation		\$ 300.00
Expended	\$ 300.00	<hr/>

DUMP

Appropriation		\$ 1,000.00
Transferred from Overlay Surplus		
(Special Town Meeting — December 17, 1971)		3,500.00
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		\$ 4,500.00
Labor	\$1,211.30	
Wallace Stroheker	1,798.13	
Fill	271.20	
Margaret Dean — Rent	100.00	
Keyes Hardware	23.13	
Fitzgerald Fence	678.00	
1788 Yards	202.83	
Gayle Edwards — signs	70.00	
Padlock	2.50	
Robert J. Ormond	22.00	

C. W. Ward, Inc.	105.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 4,484.09
Unexpended Balance		\$ 15.91
LAND PURCHASE — LANDFILL DUMP		
Appropriation		\$ 3,000.00
Wallace Stroheker — partial payment	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
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Unexpended Balance		\$ 1,500.00
LANDFILL DUMP — SURVEY		
Appropriation		\$ 600.00
Unexpended Balance		\$ 600.00
ELECTION OFFICERS		
Appropriation		\$ 100.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		23.00
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		\$ 123.00
Philip Dater	\$ 28.50	
John R. Mott	28.50	
Robert D. Small	28.50	
Norman N. Nye	28.50	
Gilbert N.. Graves	4.50	
Walter A. Whitney, Jr.	4.50	
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		\$ 123.00
FIRES & EQUIPMENT		
Appropriation		\$ 2,260.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		43.90
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		\$ 2,303.90
Tri-State Mutual Aid	\$ 25.00	
Graves Garage	114.80	
Payroll	558.50	
New England Telephone Co.	503.95	
National Fire Protection Assoc.	30.00	
W. S. Darley & Co.	59.03	
Ashfield Water Co.	7.50	
Elmer's Store	21.49	
H. A. Cranson & Son — snowplowing	55.00	
Keyes Hardware	25.24	
Cromco Electric	129.90	
Norm's Service Station	20.95	
Empire Batteries	30.55	
Fire Chief Magazine	7.50	
Massamont Insurance Agency	277.50	

South Deerfield Fire Equipment Co.	348.15	
David G. Deane	39.95	
Fire Engineering Co.	19.00	
Misc. — Mileage, postage. supplies, etc.	29.89	
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		\$ 2,303.90

HEATING TOWN HALL & FIRE STATION

Appropriation		\$ 900.00
Transferred fom Reserve Fund		69.88
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		\$ 969.88
Leo J. Burniske, Inc.	\$ 761.38	
H. A. Cranson & Son	208.50	
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		\$ 969.88

HIGHWAY DEPT. — PAID VACATIONS & HOLIDAYS

Appropriation		\$ 2,250.00
Expended	\$ 2,232.90	2,232.90
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Unexpended Balance		\$ 17.10

HIGHWAY DEPT. — SICK LEAVE

Appropriation		\$ 988.20
Exended	\$ 378.00	378.00
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Unexpended Balance		\$ 610.20

INCIDENTALS

Appropriation		\$ 1,200.00
Franklin County Registry of Deeds	\$ 2.40	
Comm. of Public Safety	10.00	
Barrett & Baker	47.43	
Board of Health Dues	6.00	
Stoddard, Ball & Bartlett — Town Counsel	205.37	
Assessors' Meetings — Travel Expense	20.84	
Douglas H. Nye — Wire Inspections	35.00	
Board of Health Meetings — travel expense	28.20	
Greenfield Recorder — Legal notices	11.07	
Ashfield Water Co.	15.00	
Selectmen's Meetings — travel expense	90.10	
Edwin C. Czuj	22.40	
Typing & secretarial	130.50	
Director of Accounts	5.00	
Franklin County Selectmen's Ass'n Dues	6.00	
Dept. of Public Works	10.00	
Census & Street Listing	175.30	
Ashfield Girl Scouts — Town Report delivery	25.00	
William Gray	67.78	
Town Clerk's Assoc. Dues	2.00	

Mass. Town Clerk's Ass'n — dues	10.00	
Mass. Selectmen's Ass'n — dues	45.00	
Mass. Collectors & Treas. Ass'n — dues	8.00	
Vital Statistics & Magistrate Fees	70.79	
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		1,049.18

Unexpended Balance	\$	150.82
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INSPECTION OF ANIMALS

Appropriation	\$	125.00
William Fitzgerald	\$	125.00

INSURANCE ON TOWN BUILDINGS & EQUIPMENT

Appropriation	\$	1,848.00
Transferred from Free Cash		
(Special Town Meeting — December 17, 1971)		1,800.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		61.61
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	\$	3,709.61

Massamont Insurance Agency —		
Buildings & property — fire ins.	\$	1,785.00
— gen. comprehensive		537.00
Equipment		1,387.61
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	\$	3,709.61

LIFE GUARD & SWIMMING INSTRUCTION

Appropriation	\$	1,150.00
Lifeguard & Instructors	\$	1,150.00

MACHINERY EXPENSE

Tranferred from 1970 Earnings	\$	9,423.25
Transferred from 1971 Earnings		
(Special Town Meeting — Dec. 17, 1971)		10,000.00
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	\$	19,423.25

Agway	\$	104.19
H. B. Allen, Inc.		55.33
Art's Tire Service		198.40
Ashfield Auto Body		591.67
Ashfield Motor Sales		184.95
ASAP Electrical — radios		113.50
Lawrence Baum Auto Serv.		204.86
Frank Boudreau — radios		10.00
Leo J. Burniske, Inc. — Gasoline	3,491.60	
C. B. Sales & Service		576.30
Carroll Bros. Express		7.45
Cowan Auto Supply		66.08
Day's Store		166.88
Sam Davis — tires		624.50

Elmer's Store	8.37	
Ferrarra Springs & Parts	21.33	
Franklin Auto	93.79	
Graves Equipment	3,613.13	
Graves Garage	1.00	
William Gray	120.78	
Gulf Oil Corp.	482.30	
Keyes Hardware	120.81	
Edward Kostek	26.45	
Labor	1,630.05	
Lewis Armature Service	27.00	
Nap's Texaco Station	23.40	
New England Telephone	93.70	
Norm's Service Station	343.99	
Robert H. Nye	342.37	
Robert J. Ormond	54.60	
Petrin Motor Sales	125.00	
Premier Fastener Co.	439.80	
Purinton Welding Co.	506.67	
Kenneth Roberts	114.75	
Rotanium Products Co.	156.35	
Share Corp.	362.67	
Shelburne Falls Garage	38.52	
Spencer Bros.	168.75	
Sweeney Ford	192.57	
Leonard J. Tufts	13.80	
Tyler Equipment	968.54	
C. W. Ward, Inc.	849.55	
Ware Metal	37.50	
Water Company	9.00	
Western Mass. Electric Co.	115.89	
William Whitehouse	10.00	
Ralph Whiteman	180.89	
	<hr/>	\$ 17,689.03
Unexpended Balance		\$ 1,734.22

MEMORIAL DAY

Appropriation		\$ 200.00
American Legion Aux., Ashfield	\$ 25.00	
Doris Howes — geraniums	32.00	
Mohawk Trail Regional Band	100.00	
Western Franklin Veterans' Service		
Center — flags	30.33	
	<hr/>	\$ 187.33
Unexpended Balance		\$ 12.67

**MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL — CAPITAL
AND OPERATING**

Appropriation		\$199,160.10
Expended	\$199,160.10	\$199,160.10

NURSE

Appropriation		\$ 2,100.00
Mileage & Postage	\$ 233.18	
Substitute Nurse	104.85	
Salary	1,450.00	
Office Rental — Town of Sunderland	80.00	
		\$ 1,868.03
Unexpended Balance		\$ 231.97

OFFICE EXPENSE

Appropriation		\$ 2,000.00
Transferred from Free Cash		
(Special Town Meeting — December 17, 1971)		800.00
		\$ 2,800.00

Hobbs & Warren — Office Supplies	\$ 153.15	
Franklin County Registry of Deeds —		
filing fees	94.60	
Typing & secretarial	1,083.36	
Greenfield Recorder — Ads, notices	76.23	
Telephone	170.42	
Western Mass. Electric Co.	47.91	
Ashfield P.O. — Envelopes, stamped	344.05	
A. W. LaFond	123.15	
InterTec Publishing Corp.	5.10	
Barrett & Baker	30.74	
E. A. Hall — stationery	31.25	
Burroughs Corp.	322.10	
Postage & supplies	96.40	
Comm. of Mass. — Permit forms	10.00	
Mass. Assoc. of Assessors	12.00	
Print Shop — By-Law copies,		
appeals forms	94.30	
Franklin County Commissioners	5.00	
		\$ 2,699.76
Unexpended Balance		\$ 100.24

PAINT SANDERSON ACADEMY

Appropriation		\$ 3,500.00
Returned to Frederick A. Cross		
Gen. Fund	\$ 3,500.00	
(Vote rescinded @Spec. Town Meeting — Dec. 17, 1971)		

PARKS & BEACH MAINTENANCE

Appropriation		\$	600.00
Keyes Hardware	\$	18.30	
New England Telephone		37.61	
Western Mass. Electric Co.		15.85	
Pay roll		48.75	
R. A. Anderson — lumber		128.54	
Richard L. Sprague — tennis net		123.60	
Rugg Mfg. Co.		56.15	
William C. Whitehouse — sand		77.38	
		<hr/>	\$ 506.18
Unexpended Balance			\$ 93.82

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation		\$	1,000.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund			201.52
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		\$	1,201.52
Time & mileage	\$	385.70	
New England Telephone		182.20	
Morgan Insurance		90.00	
Hill Sentry of N.E. — Seals on cruiser		35.64	
Norm's Service Station		21.71	
S.D. Fire Equip.		30.48	
Kendall Co. — First Aid kit		10.00	
Massamont Ins. Agency — Cruiser Insur.		84.85	
Share Corp.		16.57	
Supplies		52.22	
Shel. Falls Garage		12.70	
Sentry Uniform		251.35	
F.C. Police Radio		10.00	
Hobbs & Warren — permit forms		18.10	
		<hr/>	\$ 1,201.52

POLICE CHIEF

Appropriation		\$	3,500.00
Walter D. Zalenski	\$	3,500.00	<hr/>

POLICE PORTA-MOBILE RADIO

Unexpended Balance as of Dec. 31, 1970		\$	1,430.00
General Electric Co.	\$	1,070.00	
Kemp Communication Co.		300.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 1,370.00
Unexpended Balance			\$ 60.00

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Appropriation		\$	150.00
Eleanor M. Ward — Street lists	\$	50.00	
June E. Fitzgerald		25.00	
Philip L. Nolan, Jr.		25.00	
C. Fowler Pickhardt		25.00	
Walter A. Whitney		25.00	
		<u> </u>	\$ 150.00

RENT OF HYDRANTS

Appropriation		\$	375.00
Ashfield Water Co.	\$	375.00	<u> </u>

FRANKLIN COUNTY RETIREMENT SYSTEM — MAINTENANCE

Appropriation		\$	6,219.80
Expended	\$	6,219.80	<u> </u>

PRELIMINARY SURVEY & SEWER PLANS

Unexpended Balance as of Dec. 31, 1970		\$	3,389.42
Weston & Sampson	\$	1,488.20	<u> </u>
			\$ 1,488.20
Unexpended Balance			<u> </u>
			\$ 1,901.22

STREET LIGHTS

Appropriation		\$	1,681.00
Western Mass. Electric Co.	\$	1,672.12	<u> </u>
			\$ 1,672.12
Unexpended Balance			<u> </u>
			\$ 8.88

TOWN HALL

Appropriation		\$	2,000.00
Transferred to Veterans' Benefits			
(Special Town Meeting — Dec. 17, 1971	\$	600.00	<u> </u>
			\$ 600.00
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			\$ 1,400.00
H. A. Cranson & Son — snow plowing	\$	160.00	
Elmer's Store		7.68	
Willis G. Thayer		35.94	
Douglas Cranson — chairs purchased		400.00	
Keyes Hardware		11.60	
R. Frederick Eldridge — Bal.,			
sanding floor		36.51	

Western Mass. Electric Co.	387.30	
Ashfield Water Co.	15.00	
Douglas Cranson — janitor	282.50	
William Gray — roof repairs	13.20	
Robert H. Nye	7.00	
Kenneth Howes	1.24	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,357.97
Unexpended Balance		<hr/> \$ 42.03

TOWN OFFICERS

Appropriation		\$ 6,100.00
Linwood Lesure, Moderator	\$ 20.00	
Ralph L. Howes, Selectman & Assessor	900.00	
Edward W. Scott, Selectman	500.00	
Raymond E. Ward, Jr.	500.00	
Jane Ward, Tax Collector	700.00	
Malcolm Clark, Assessor	400.00	
Warren M. Chase, Assessor	400.00	
Robert Van Iderstine, Fire Chief	350.00	
Roland Taylor, Dog Officer	20.00	
Eugene Godin, Auditor	20.00	
Roger B. Scott, School Committee	150.00	
Dorothy D. Craft, School Committee	150.00	
Robert S. Robertson, School Committee	125.00	
G. M. Phelps, School Committee	25.00	
Walter A. Whitney, Town Clerk & Treasurer	1,650.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 5,910.00
Unexpended Balance		<hr/> \$ 190.00

TOWN REPORTS & BALLOTS

Appropriation		\$ 1,516.25
E. A. Hall & Co., Inc. — printing	\$ 1,516.25	<hr/>

TREE WARDEN

Appropriation		\$ 1,200.00
Mass. Certified Arborists	\$ 10.00	
Karl Kuemmerling, Inc. — supplies	26.33	
Ramon Sears	496.08	
Keyes Hardware	3.59	
John Meehan	172.00	
Arthur Williams	372.00	
Cotton Tree Service	120.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,200.00

VETERANS' BENEFITS

Appropriation		\$ 2,500.00
Transferred from Town Hall		
(Special Town Meeting — Dec. 17, 1971)		600.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		.79
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		\$ 3,100.79
Expended	\$ 3,100.79	<hr/>

VETERANS' CENTER — MAINTENANCE

Appropriation		\$ 1,067.00
Veterans' Center	\$ 1,067.00	<hr/>

WINTER ROADS

Appropriation		\$ 25,000.00
Transferred from Free Cash		
(Special Town Meeting — December 17, 1971)		3,000.00
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		\$ 28,000.00
Ralph W. Whiteman	\$ 1,121.57	
William C. Whitehouse	777.00	
Payroll	17,072.78	
A. Linwood Williams — sand	399.25	
Chemical Corp. — salt	1,420.26	
Leo J. Burniske, Inc. — Gas, fuel	3,445.73	
C. W. Ward, Inc.	865.73	
Lawrence Baum	62.54	
International Salt Co.	347.16	
Franklin Auto Supply	1.58	
Angell's Auto Service	7.50	
H. B. Allen, Inc.	44.94	
Donald Graves — steel	2.00	
Shelburne Falls Garage	36.58	
F. David Richardson	136.00	
Helen W. Pease	36.00	
Bruce Bennett — damages to car	324.84	
New England Telephone Co.	22.78	
Wholesale Distributors	435.99	
W. E. Aubuchon	2.38	
Norm's Service Station	54.25	
Day's Store	84.50	
Rotanium Products	56.31	
	<hr/>	\$ 26,757.67
Unexpended Balance		\$ 1,242.33

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION

Appropriation		\$ 2,000.00
Massamont Insurance Agency	\$ 1,810.00	
		\$ 1,810.00
Unexpended Balance		\$ 190.00

RESERVE FUND

Appropriation		\$ 2,000.00
Bonds	\$ 10.00	
Chapter 81	.07	
Chapter 90 Construction — '67	.12	
Chapter 90 Maintenance	1.00	
Election Officers	23.00	
Fire Department	43.90	
Heating Town Hall & Fire Station	69.88	
Insurance on Town Bldgs. & Equip.	61.61	
Police Department	201.52	
Veterans' Benefits	.79	
		\$ 411.89
Unexpended Balance to Overlay Surplus		\$ 1,588.11

SUMMARY OF SELECTMEN'S ORDERS

Abatement of Real Estate	\$ 1,198.68
Ambulance Fund	1,044.84
New Ambulance	13,500.00
Blue Cross Deductions	.....
Bonds	453.00
Car Excise Abatements	1,240.32
Care of Soldiers' Graves	175.00
Chapter 81 Roads	24,525.07
Chapter 90 Roads — Construction 1967	2,915.50
Chapter 90 Roads — Construction 1969	8,192.40
Chapter 90 Maintenance	30,001.00
Charity	68.50
Civil Defense	24.98
Civil Defense Director	300.00
Commonwealth of Massachusetts	
Audit	2,863.12
Motor Vehicle State Assessment	158.70
Pioneer Valley Air Pollution Dist.	97.16

State Assessment System	50.96
State Recreation Areas	1,889.19
Frederick A. Cross Fund	
Ambulance Reimbursement	6,750.00
Radar Reimbursement	1,300.00
School Painting, Rescinded vote	3,500.00
Demands — Tax Collector	459.00
Dog Licenses — Treasurer, Franklin County	577.00
Dog Officer Expense	132.00
Dump	4,484.09
Land Purchase — landfill dump	1,500.00
Election Officers	123.00
Fires & Equipment	2,303.90
Franklin County Tax	15,962.01
William Hathaway Fund	20.00
Heating Town Hall & Fire House	969.88
Highway Dept. — Paid Vacations & Holidays	2,232.90
Highway Dept. — Sick Leave	378.00
Incidentals	1,049.18
Income — M. M. Belding	109.89
Cemetery Fund	170.60
Fred Cross Library	262.52
Inspection of Animals	125.00
Insurance on Town Buildings & Equipment	3,709.61
Lifeguard & Swimming Instruction	1,150.00
Anticipation Loan & Interest	40,443.33
Machinery Expense Account	17,689.03
Memorial Day	187.33
Mohawk Regional School	199,160.10
Nurse — Ashfield's Share	1,868.03
Office Expense	2,699.76
Parks & Beach Maintenance	506.18
Police Department	1,201.52
Police Chief's Salary	3,500.00
Police Mobil Radio	1,370.00
Registrars	150.00
Rent of Hydrants	375.00
Retirement System — Deductions	.....
Retirement System — Maintenance	6,219.80
Preliminary Survey & Sewer Plans	1,488.20
Street Lights	1,672.12
Town Hall	1,357.97
Town Officers	5,910.00
Town Reports & Ballots	1,516.25
Tree Warden	1,200.00
Veterans' Benefits	3,100.79
Veterans' Center — Maintenance	1,067.00

Winter Roads	26,757.67
Withholding Tax — Federal	21,214.40
Withholding Tax — State	4,349.35
Workmen's Compensation	1,810.00
TOTAL	\$489,684.70

RALPH L. HOWES
EDWARD W. SCOTT
RAYMOND E. WARD, JR.
Selectmen of Ashfield

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1971

	<i>Taxation</i>	<i>Available Funds</i>
Ambulance Maintenance Fund — Transfer		
1970 Earnings & Gifts	\$ 964.50	
1970 Balance	1,014.57	
		\$ 1,979.07
Ambulance Maintenance Fund	\$ 500.00	
Ashfield Public Schools	167,834.19	
Board of Health	100.00	
Bonds	443.00	
Bridges & Railings	200.00	
Care of Soldiers' Graves	175.00	
Chapter 81	3,900.00	
Chapter 90 — Construction	143.13	2,106.87
Chapter 90 — Maintenance (Free Cash)		10,000.00
Civil Defense	25.00	
Civil Defense Director	300.00	
Dump	1,000.00	
Acquire Land for Landfill Dump (Cross Fund)		3,000.00
Survey Landfill Dump (Free Cash)		600.00
Elections	100.00	
Fires & Equipment	2,260.00	
Financing Highway Grants (Free Cash)		20,000.00
Heating Town Hall & Fire Station	900.00	
Highway Dept. — Paid Vacation & Holidays	2,250.00	
Highway Dept. — Sick Leave	988.20	
Historical Society Refund	137.82	
Incidentals	1,200.00	
Inspection of Animals	125.00	

Insurance on Town Buildings & Equipment	1,848.00	
Lifeguard & Swimming Instruction	1,150.00	
Machinery Expense Account —		
Balance 1970 Earnings		9,423.25
Memorial Day	200.00	
Mohawk Trail Regional School —		
Capital & Operating	199,160.10	
Nurse, Ashfield's Share of District	2,100.00	
Office Expense	2,000.00	
Paint Sanderson Academy (Cross Fund)		3,500.00
Park & Beach Maintenance	600.00	
Police Department	1,000.00	
Police Chief — Salary	3,500.00	
Registrars	150.00	
Rent of Hydrants	375.00	
Reserve Fund (Overlay Surplus)		2,000.00
Retirement System, Franklin County	6,129.80	
Street Lights	1,681.00	
Town Hall	2,000.00	
Town Officers	6,100.00	
Town Reports & Ballots	1,516.25	
Tree Warden	1,200.00	
Veterans' Benefits	2,500.00	
Veterans' Service Center — Maintenance	1,067.00	
Winter Roads	15,000.00	10,000.00
Workmen's Compensation	2,000.00	
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Town Meeting, March 6, 1971		
Totals	\$433,948.49	\$ 62,609.19

SPECIAL MEETINGS:

March 24, 1971

New Ambulance —	
Transfer from Ambulance Fund	\$ 1,500.00
Approp. from Overlay Surplus	5,250.00
Approp. from Frederick A. Cross. Gen. Purpose Fund	6,750.00

December 17, 1971

Frederick A. Cross Fund — Vote rescinded	
Transfer from Paint Sanderson Academy	3,500.00
Dump —	
Approp. from Overlay Surplus	3,500.00
Interest on Temporary Loan & Interest —	
Approp. from Overlay Surplus	443.33
Winter Roads —	
Approp. from Free Cash	3,000.00

Machinery Expense —		
Transfer from 1971 Earnings		10,000.00
Veterans' Benefits —		
Transfer from Town Hall		600.00
Office Expense —		
Approp. from Free Cash		800.00
Insurance on Town Bldgs. & Equip —		
Approp. from Free Cash		1,800.00
TOTALS	\$433,948.49	\$ 99,752.52

BOARD OF ASSESSORS' REPORT

As of January 1, 1971, the Board added about \$868,000, or 12.4 percent, to the real estate base of Ashfield. The total addition between January 1, 1966, the date of the major revaluation, and January 1, 1971, became thus about \$3,203,000, or 68.9 percent. In 1971 there was again a large number (50) of "arms-length" real property transfers, raising the total of such transfers 1963 to 1971 inclusive, the years of rapidly advancing prices, to 446. During 1971 the Board was able to complete only a few more cost analyses of dwellings and out-buildings, raising the total completions to about 190. It also had underway, but incomplete, an additional some 25 such analyses. These transfers and analyses have enabled the Board to determine each January 1, as required by law, reasonably accurate "fair cash valuations" throughout the Town.

Again, during 1971, the average price per acre paid for large tracts of vacant, unimproved land rose sharply, as shown in the following tables:

<i>Year of Sale</i>	<i>Tracts of 25 or more Acres (average price per acre)</i>
1969	\$ 73.00
1970	129.00
1971	240.00

<i>VALUATIONS*</i>				<i>TAX ASSESSED*</i>		
<i>Year</i>	<i>Real Estate</i>	<i>Personal Property</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Tax Rate</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Real Estate</i>
						<i>Personal Property</i>
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1962	1,247	307	1,555	66	103.3	82.3
1963	1,290	308	1,598	70	112.5	90.3
1964	1,401	314	1,714	82	140.6	114.8
						25.7

1965	1,472	297	1,769	84	148.6	123.7	24.9
1966	4,650	638	5,288	29	153.4	134.9	18.5
1967	5,202	732	5,933	34	201.7	176.9	24.9
1968	5,559	795	6,354	37	235.1	205.7	29.4
1969	6,208	805	7,013	39	266.2	235.8	31.4
1970	6,985	871	7,856	37	290.7	258.5	32.2
1971	7,853	1,123	8,976	36	323.1	282.7	40.4

* Thousands of dollars

** Other than Farm Animals and Machinery Excise

The foregoing table illustrates the substantial additions in 1970 and 1971 in personal property valuations and taxes assessed on the new 345,000 volt transmission line and the many (134 in '71) snow-mobiles.

The following table illustrates the annual results of the exemption (Clause 41) of real estate tax in cases of certain persons 70 years and older:

<i>Year</i>	<i>Number of Exemptions</i>	<i>R.E. Valuation Exempted</i>	<i>Percentage of Total R.E. Valuation Base</i>	<i>Total Tax Abated</i>
1964	25	\$ 47,600	3.4	\$3,903
1965	25	53,800	3.7	4,523
1966	29	226,908	4.9	6,580
1967	29	234,699	4.5	7,980
1968	31	253,514	4.6	9,380
1969	31	253,241	4.1	9,865
1970	23	198,000	2.8	7,336
1971	20	182,830	2.3	6,582

Respectfully submitted,

WARREN M. CHASE

RALPH L. HOWES

MALCOLM S. CLARK

Assessors of Ashfield

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

1967	Motor Vehicle Excise		
	Outstanding 1-1-71		\$ 26.40
	Payment to treasurer		
	1-1-71 to 12-31-71	26.40	
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		26.40	26.40
1968	Motor Vehicle Excise		
	Outstanding 1-1-71		594.28
	Payment to treasurer 1-1-71 to 12-31-71	204.60	
	Balance outstanding 12-31-71	389.68	
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		594.28	594.28
1969	Motor Vehicle Excise		
	Outstanding 1-1-71		939.68
	Payment to treasurer 1-1-71 to 12-31-71	724.34	
	Transferred from 1970 Real Estate	5.50	
	Balance Outstanding 12-31-71	209.84	
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		939.68	939.68
1970	Motor Vehicle Excise		
	Outstanding 1-1-71		4,263.36
	Refunded 1971		459.94
	Commitments in 1971 for 1970		6,246.30
	Payments to treasurer 1-1-71 to 12-31-71	8,893.76	
	Abatements	1,021.73	
	Transferred from 1970 Real Estate	37.73	
	Balance Outstanding 12-31-71	1,016.38	
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		10,969.60	10,969.60
1971	Motor Vehicle Excise		
	Commitments		34,788.97
	Refunds		780.38
	Payments to treasurer 1-1-71 to 12-31-71	26,566.84	
	Abatements	3,236.26	
	To be refunded		16.50
	Balance outstanding 12-31-71	5,782.75	
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		35,585.85	35,585.85

1967	Real Estate		
	Outstanding 1-1-71		333.20
	Payment to treasurer 1-1-71 to 12-31-71	255.00	
	Balance outstanding 12-31-71	78.20	
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		333.20	333.20
1968	Real Estate		
	Outstanding 1-1-71		618.60
	Payment to treasurer 1-1-71 to 12-31-71	107.47	
	Balance outstanding 12-31-71	511.13	
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		618.60	618.60
1969	Real Estate		
	Outstanding 1-1-71		5,217.11
	Payments to treasurer 1-1-71 to 12-31-71	4,154.94	
	Balance outstanding 12-31-71	1,062.17	
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		5,217.11	5,217.11
1970	Real Estate		
	Outstanding 1-1-71		20,281.05
	Refunded in 1971		350.00
	Payments to treasurer 1-1-71 to 12-31-71	15,038.70	
	Abatement 1970	507.25	
	Payment transferred from 1970 Real Estate	49.74	
	Balance Outstanding 12-31-71	5,035.36	
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		20,631.05	20,631.05
1971	Real Estate		
	Commitment		282,698.10
	Refunded		494.00
	Payments to treasurer 1-1-71 to 12-31-71	250,347.11	
	Abatements	7,319.50	
	Balance Outstanding 12-31-71	25,525.49	
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		283,192.10	283,192.10
1967	Personal Property		
	Outstanding 1-1-71		25.50
	Payments to treasurer 1-1-71 to 12-31-71	18.70	
	Balance Outstanding 12-31-71	6.80	
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		25.50	25.50

1968	Personal Property		
	Outstanding 1-1-71		453.06
	Payments to treasurer 1-1-71 to 12-31-71	61.05	
	Balance Outstanding 12-31-71	392.01	
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		453.06	453.06
1969	Personal Property		
	Outstanding 1-1-71		1,391.72
	Payments to treasurer 1-1-71 to 12-31-71	1,012.44	
	Balance Outstanding 12-31-71	379.28	
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		1,391.72	1,391.72
1970	Personal Property		
	Outstanding 1-1-71		1,720.21
	Payments to treasurer 1-1-71 to 12-31-71	677.00	
	Abatement	8.14	
	Balance Outstanding 12-31-71	1,035.07	
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		1,720.21	1,720.21
1971	Personal Property		
	Commitment		40,413.78
	Refunded		4.68
	Payments to treasurer 1-1-71 to 12-31-71	37,880.82	
	Abatement	4.68	
	Balance Outstanding 12-31-71	2,532.96	
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		40,418.46	40,418.46
1970	Farm Animal		
	Outstanding 1-1-71		307.35
	Payments to treasurer 1-1-71 to 12-31-71	189.35	
	Balance Outstanding 12-31-71	118.00	
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		307.35	307.35
1971	Farm Animal		
	Commitment 19711		2,377.83
	Payments to treasurer 1-1-71 to 12-31-71	2,004.48	
	Balance Outstanding 12-31-71	373.35	
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		2,377.83	2,377.83

JANE E. WARD,

Tax Collector

FINANCIAL REPORT OF BELDING MEMORIAL LIBRARY

January 1, 1971 to January 1, 1972

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand January 1, 1971	\$ 2,819.23	
Belding dividend	2,844.20	
Fees and fines	46.00	
Gift — Mrs. Norman Walker	10.00	
M.M. Belding, Jr., fund	109.89	
F.A. Cross library fund	262.52	
		\$ 6,091.84

EXPENDITURES

Salaries and services	\$ 1,920.00	
Books, magazines and supplies	879.70	
Insurance	263.95	
Repairs and improvements	40.14	
Telephone and lights	267.04	
Fuel	403.38	
Water	9.00	
Safe deposit box rent	5.00	
Desk fund	10.00	
		\$ 3,798.21

Balance on January 1, 1972

2,293.63

\$ 6,091.84

LIBRARY SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

Conway Savings Bank	\$ 1,984.04
Franklin County Trust Co.	468.15
Franklin Savings Institution	447.60
Greenfield Savings Bank	3,823.12
Northampton Institution for Savings	1,231.33
Shelburne Falls Savings Bank	864.91

Respectfully submitted,

HOPE PACKARD, Treasurer

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

Circulation for the year was 8,493. Bookmobile, 1,794; Magazines, 383; adult fiction, 1,613; junior nonfiction, 213, puzzles, 14; records 130.

The bookmobile continues to supply us with books at seven to eight week intervals. They have had a good supply of new books this past year. A total of 5,043 books were left at the library — 1,793 adult fiction; 1,551 adult nonfiction; 1,441 junior fiction; 258 junior nonfiction. Another 11,135 were left at the school and other parts of town.

There were exhibits of new books during the year.

Mr. Norman Pike made a cabinet to keep the records and Mrs. Robert Lesure conducted several story hours during the summer.

There have been gifts of money and books which are greatly appreciated. Mr. Clare continues to add to the Anderson Library of Arts and Sciences in memory of Mr. Herman Anderson. This is a fine collection and we are fortunate to have it.

Miss Hope Packard is weeding the adult fiction. This will give us more room on the shelves for the new books which are being purchased.

Mrs. Robert Lesure, who had worked in the evening, was unable to continue. Mrs. Emory Howes also found it necessary to leave. Mrs. David Coburn and Mrs. Robert Tarr are now at the library during the evening hours.

I wish to thank the substitutes who have helped during the year. Also may I express my appreciation to the trustees for the generous amount of time given on behalf of the library.

Respectfully submitted,

DOROTHY D. CRAFT, Librarian

ADULT FICTION

Anthony	The Tamarind seed
Banning	Lifeboat No. 2
Blackstock	The Encounter
Brent	Tregaron's daughter
Cadell	The friendly air
Cardiff	Fool's apple

Cavanaugh	Leaving home
Conway	Night of the party
Cooper	One dragon too many
Culp	Treasure of the Pisos
Eden	An afternoon walk
Eliot	Stranger at Pembroke
Geld	A timeless place
Goudge	Child from the sea
Haycroft	The kings daughter
Hecket	The golden rock
Hobson	The tenth month
Holt	Shadow of the Lynx
Heyer	Arabella
Kyle	Mirror dance
Levy	The shining mischief
Lofts	Lovers all untrue
Mayberry	Ride a white dolphin
Michaels	The crying child
Ogilvie	A theme for reason
Price	Lighthouse
Reed	Cry of the daughter
Sarton	Kinds of love
Seifert	The medicine man
Simmons	The year of the rooster
Stegner	Angle of repose
Stevenson	Vittoria cottage
Tattersall	Lady Ingram's room
Webb	Roses from a haunted garden
Whitney	Lost island

ADULT NON-FICTION

Alireza	At the drop of a veil
Auchincloss	Edith Wharton
Baker	Crewel embroidery
Barton	Physician to the Mayas
Beston	Especially Maine
Bowen	Family portrait
Chilson	Auto repair manuel
Colby	Plymouth plantation
Conover	One mans island
Doane	A book of Cape Cod houses
Fort	The pleasures seekers
Gilbreth	Time out for happiness
Gillespie	A joyful noise
Hard	Mischief in the mountains
Kenny	Cape Ann, Cape America
MacLaine	Dont fall off the mountain

Maxwell	Ancestors
Morgan	Gift from the hills
Nearing	Living the good life
Peale	Adventure of being a wife
Petrakis	Stelmark
Reidy	The village schoolmaster
Tabor	My own Cape Cod
White	My life and medicine
Whitney	Invitation to joy
Woodin	In the circle of the sun
	Gardens of Williamsburg

YOUTH FICTION

Arundel	Longest weekend
Bradbeury	A new penny
Engdahl	Enchantress from the star
Faulkner	Second son
Johnson	Torrie
Leighton	The other island
Levinstein	Double play
Levinstein	Computer coach
McNeil	The other people
Shaw	The nutcracker
Stotz	By the highway home
Walker	Fire weed
Whitney	Vanishing scarecrow

YOUTH NON-FICTION

Reeder	Story of the second world war
Shultz	Letters to a new generation
Spock	A teenagers guide to life and love

JUNIOR FICTION

Albrecht	Susanna's candlestick
Babbitt	Knee knock rise
Beatty	Hail Columbia
Byrnes	Summer of the swans
Carlson	Ann Amelia and Dorothy
Cleaver	Where the lilies bloom
Corcoran	Long journey
Flack	Story about Ping
Geisel	Happy birthday to you
Honness	Mystery of the Maya jade
Hurd	The white horse
Ipcar	Marvelous merry go around
Irving	Rip vanWinkle

La Fontaine	The rich man and the shoemaker
Lionni	Alexander and the wind-up mouse
Moody	Sandy shoes mystery
Moyes	Helter skelter
Potter	Red caboose
St. John	Where the lilies bloom
Sendak	In the night kitchen
Shulevitz	Rain rivers rain
Smith	The winner
Zion	No roses for Harry

JUNIOR NON-FICTION

Buck	Small pets from woods and fields
Fisher	John Fisher's magic book
Hautzig	Let's make presents
Shaw	Octopus
Steele	Prehistoric animals

ANDERSON LIBRARY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Barnett	Treasures of own tongue
Bealer	Art of blacksmithing
Bradley	They live by the wind
Bruce	Bird of Jove
Corbett	Maneaters of Kumaon
Cousteau	The shark
Delderfield	Mr. Sermon
Drascher	The magic of the lenses
Fast	The crossing
Girsham	Burma Jack
Lane	Kingdom of the Octopus
Lorenz	On aggression
Marshall	Walkabout
Mather	The earth beneath us
Mather	Gold of Malabar
Park	The world of the Bison
Parsons	Inorganic chemistry
Parsons	Organic chemistry
Parsons	The fundamental materials
Parsons	The chemist at work
Schoonmaker	The world of the grizzly bear
Sevrein	The golden Antilles
Speer	Inside the third Reich
Tomkins	Merchants and Masterpieces
Townsend	The duel of eagles
Tuchman	The proud tower
Van Wormer	The American elk
Von Fries	Biology

GIFTS

Adamson	The spotted sphinx
Better Homes	Meat cook book
Cousteau	The shark
Evers	For us the living
Gardner	The emerging personality
Johnson	A White house Diary
Lash	Eleanor and Franklin
Lindbergh	Earth shine
Morison	The European discovery of America
Plummer	Give every day a chance
Rockwell	10,000 garden questions
Vivian	Coretta
Haley	Wheels

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING COMMITTEE

To the Citizens of Ashfield:

The Public Health Nursing Advisory Committee of Ashfield, Conway, Sunderland and Whately held two regular meetings with the Public Health Nurse, Mrs. Lorraine Strippe and three meetings with Mrs. Cecelia Downing, State nursing advisor.

On April 21st the committee met in Conway for election of officers. Mrs. Grace Baker resigned as chairman of the committee after many years of service to the towns in this capacity. Elected for the year 1971-1972 included: Mrs. Barbara Wickland, chairman; Mrs. Loretta Davis, vice-chairman; Mrs. Betty Orloski, secretary. Mr. Richard Ouimette was welcomed as a new member from Conway, filling the vacancy made by Mrs. Arlene Parker's resignation.

It was voted to increase the substitute nurse's salary to \$17.00 per day. Our contract with Franklin County Public Hosp. for physical, occupational and speech therapy was renewed and signed by a selectman from each town in May.

Due to refurbishing of the Sunderland Town Hall, Mrs. Strippe's office was moved across the hall, thus necessitating the purchase of a large metal cabinet for her supplies.

In Sept. Mrs. Strippe, Mrs. Baker and myself met with Mrs. Downing in preparation for the nursing survey to be made Nov. 3 and 4th for Medicare certification. A record evaluation must be made

every six months by a member of the professional advisory committee and a member from the nursing advisory committee. Policy revisions must also be made every two years, minimum.

On Nov. 10th, our regular meeting was held in Ashfield to present and approve our budget for 1972. It was voted to increase the nurse's mileage compensation to \$.12 per mile.

A meeting was also held with Mrs. Downing to discuss her findings of our agencies survey. Our nursing care and records are excellent, our policy revisions were acceptable, but along with other towns in the county our contract with Franklin County Public Hospital was unsatisfactory (this is under negotiation at this time.) One stipulation for Medicare certification may require the agency be headed by a certified Public Health Nurse with a Masters Degree in Public Health Nursing, this matter is under advisement by the joint professional advisory committee with members from each Public Health agency in Franklin County.

The Public Health nurse also serves our communities as a school nurse and as the number of home visits have decreased, more time has been spent in the schools. The nurse may be reached at her office in the Sunderland Town Hall from 8:30 - 9:30 A.M. Monday through Friday. During her vacation Mrs. Javita Hart substituted.

We are very grateful to Mrs. Strippe and Mrs. Hart for the efficient and conscientious manner in which they have carried out their duties as Public Health Nurse for these communities.

Members from Ashfield include: Mrs. Barbara Wickland, Mrs. Helen Ranney, Mrs. Marion Anderson.

Respectfully submitted,

BARBARA WICKLAND, Chairman

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

To the Citizens of Ashfield:

I wish to submit my third annual report as Public Health Nurse for the year ending December 31, 1971.

Home nursing visits again this year are inconsistent and at a minimum considering the area and population our agency covers. Our agency being certified, operates only under the direction of Doctor's orders, although an initial evaluation visit may be made by the nurse at the request of the family.

Our local nursing committee, representatives of the four towns, has reviewed and revised all our agency policies this year in an effort to meet the high certification standards.

Communicable diseases have been at a minimum. A few salmonella cases were reported during this period.

Many interesting and informative meetings and programs were attended.

Summary 1971:

Home Visits — 193

Receipts — \$593.99

Mileage & Supplies — \$244.68

In conclusion, I wish to thank all for their interest and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

LORRAINE STRIPPE, R.N.,

Public Health Nurse

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

In 1971 the Fire Department started replacing old, small diameter hose that had long worn out its usefulness. We will continue this practice for the next couple of years. We also purchased a new nozzle to make the job of fighting car fires easier and safer.

One project started this year and slated for completion in 1972 is the painting of the club room at the fire station.

As requested by many people, the rings on the siren are as follows:

- 1 Ring 7:30 a.m. — No school
- 1 Short ring — Chief's call
- 1 Long, steady ring — Ashfield House or Green Meadows
- 2 Short rings — Test
- 3 Short rings — Mutual Aid or miscellaneous
- 4 Short rings — Chimney fire
- 5 Short rings — Brush fire
- 6 Short rings — Building fire

The fire phone number is **not** for general information calls. It is to be used for reporting fires and to call the Ambulance. For information, please call 628-4484, 628-4406 or 628-3342.

Groups sponsored by the Fire Department are: Little League, Pee Wee League and the Explorer Scouts.

The following permits were issued in 1971:

Burning permits	137
Blasting permits	0
Oil burner installations	5
Oil storage	1
Corrections on oil burner instals.	0
Rocket permit	1

Equipment purchased in 1971:

1 Rockwood nozzle
1 6 ft. applicator
150 ft. of 1 inch Booster hose
1 Pry axe
2 Pistol grips
2 Hydrant wrenches

FINANCIAL STATEMENT 1971

1.	\$ 277.50	Insurance
2.	314.47	Fire phone
3.	189.48	Bus. phone
4.	7.50	Water bill
5.	415.50	Equipment
6.	25.00	Tri-state dues
7.	30.00	N.F.P.A. dues
8.	165.55	Truck repairs
9.	558.50	Payroll
10.	129.90	Radio repairs
11.	77.76	Supplies
12.	9.04	Postage
13.	22.20	Travel Expenses
14.	26.50	Training
15.	55.00	Snow plowing

Total \$ 2,303.90

TYPES OF OCCUPANCIES IN WHICH FIRES OCCURRED

	1969	1970	1971
Residential	11	5	9
Storage	3	1	1

MAIN CAUSE OF FIRES IN BUILDING

	1969	1970	1971
Electrical	3	1	1
Heating	8	4	5
Flammable liquids	0	1	0

Kids & matches	1	0	2
Spontaneous	1	0	1
Miscellaneous	1	0	1

MOTOR VEHICLE FIRES

1969	1970	1971
4	3	3

GRASS-BRUSH-DUMP-MUTUAL AID-MISCELLANEOUS FIRES

1969	1970	1971
11	13	14

NUMBER OF RUNS MADE PER MONTH

January	3	July	3
February	4	August	0
March	3	September	0
April	2	October	4
May	2	November	3
June	3	December	0

TOWN OF ASHFIELD

VALUE OF PROPERTY INVOLVED & LOSSES

	1969	1970	1971
Value of Property	\$165,285.00	\$ 71,900.00	\$137,070.00
Loss	9,176.00	520.00	8,581.00
Insurance paid	5,967.00	370.00	2,791.16

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT E. VAN IDERSTINE,

Fire Chief

REPORT OF CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR

To the residents of Ashfield:

This again has been a busy year with Ashfield taking part in many of the Civil Defense programs.

I believe the highlight of the year was when Howard Barnes, Roger Scott and I took a course at the Franklin County Hospital in

radiological monitoring, which enables each of us to teach the use of the instruments for monitoring fallout.

We each passed the exam and received an award which read as follows: for "Satisfactory completion of the training course for Radiological Monitoring". This was given publicity in the Greenfield Recorder.

As usual, I attended the Directors meetings held at the Sector 4D, Civil Defense Headquarters in Greenfield. These meetings are for a briefing in our town's participation in the many phases of the Civil Defense program.

Edward Scott and his efficient radio operators have kept the usual radio schedules. They have been very faithful and deserve a great deal of credit.

I periodically test the electric light plant. This is a standby plant in case of loss of the usual supply. In this way we can maintain radio communication at all times. It is located at the Civil Defense Headquarters in the Library basement.

I also have checked our fallout shelter's supplies and found medications, etc. intact. However, I removed certain drugs such as phenobarbitol.

In November the Sector 4D was moved to the Frank L. Boyden Building, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Massachusetts 01003. We were fortunate in acquiring several bed rolls for our fallout shelter when the Greenfield Headquarters was dismantled.

We have also taken part in a State Warning Exercise. This is called "Checkerboard". Its purpose is to see how quickly a warning message can be relayed to each community in the State.

In closing, again I want to impress on each and every one the importance of home fallout shelters. In case of a nuclear attack, it could make the difference between survival or not. We all know that an attack is possible. It is much better to have some protection and not use it than to have an urgent need for it and not have it.

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND H. RENIFF,
Civil Defense Director

REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN AND MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

To the Citizens of Ashfield:

An increase in the number of dead and dying maples was observed this year. Maple decline, as it is called by arborists, has everyone that appreciates trees concerned. The maple is Ashfield's principal shade tree and therefore a great deal of attention will have to be focused on preserving this species for the future.

Maples affected by this decline can be either young or old trees and trees in apparently good condition, making all maples susceptible and the problem of survival more complex. Some pathologists attribute the decline to a lower water table which makes it more difficult for the shallow rooted maple to acquire the necessary water. Others feel that road salt plays an important part in saturating the conducting tissues used for food and water, thereby affecting the normal function of the vascular system. Bearing this in mind, a new procedure for planting town trees may be necessary and maples will have to be planted further back on private property.

Nine maples were removed this year which were either dead or in a dying condition. Also, two elms were taken down and burned because of Dutch Elm Disease being present.

Trees were pruned in South Ashfield, March Road, Steady Lane, North Street and Beldingville Road. More pruning in these areas will be done next year.

With so many trees being removed in the past, which left an unsightly stump behind, a stump chipping machine was hired to grind the old stumps below ground level. The stump chips were used to mulch trees and the stump holes were filled over with loam and seeded.

Trees are still available to be planted where needed and upon request of anyone desiring a street tree, provided it is in a suitable location.

Respectfully submitted,

RAMON R. SEARS, Tree Warden

REPORT OF PLANNING BOARD

To the Citizens of Ashfield:

The Ashfield Planning Board started the Year 1971 with a new member, Mr. Ralph Pease, elected for a five year term. Mr. Arnold Sluter was appointed Chairman and Mrs. Pauline Nye, Clerk, of the board for the year. Mr. Arnold Sluter moved to Greenfield and Mr. Charles Buck was appointed to the board and Mr. Donald Ouimette served as Chairman for the remainder of the year.

The board met regularly every second Wednesday of the month for discussion and planning. Several building lot developments were reviewed. A study of multiple family dwellings is being made at the present time.

The board has been working with the Franklin County Planners. Members attend monthly meetings in Greenfield to discuss and learn more about town development and planning. Some topics which have been presented to the boards have pertained to sub-division of land, sewage disposal, and landfill dumps.

Respectfully submitted,

MR. FRANK A. ELDRIDGE
MR. DONALD F. OUIMETTE
MR. CHARLES P. BUCK
MR. RALPH S. PEASE
MRS. PAULINE J. NYE

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS REPORT

To the Board of Selectmen:

During 1971, nine petitions were presented to the Zoning Board of Appeals, on which the Board made decisions, after the legally required advertising and public hearings. Analyzing these:

Eight were for zoning variances from the existing Ashfield Zoning By-Law.

Two constituted or included business permits.

Of the nine petitions, seven were granted (with or without restrictions) and two were denied.

At the end of 1971, there were no cases pending.

Adequate enforcement and wise interpretation of the present Zoning By-Law would be greatly aided by review and clarification of the text in the light of experience to date, preferably for action at the first feasible Town Meeting. On several problems, the existing language is either incomplete, not easily enforceable or not included: perhaps too sweeping or arbitrary for present or prospective conditions. Examples are:

1. definitions and limitations of "mobile homes", especially if "demobilized".
2. likewise of "accessory buildings" adapted for dwelling purposes.
3. "family occupancy" by non-related individuals.
4. "multiple-occupancy" apartment construction and use, — either completely new or remodelled existing buildings.

As stated in the 1970 Annual Report, in August 1969 a meeting was held of interested organizations in Ashfield, and it is understood that discussions have occurred since then by appropriate Boards, but little tangible progress has been made since.

Our Board feels that it is important to get forward with these matters before the actual conditions get worse.

There is also the need of adequate enforcement of the current Zoning By-Law and appeal decisions where found desirable.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT P. KING, Chairman

JOHN R. MOTT

KENNETH A. LILLY

Ashfield Zoning Board of Appeals

Associates:

RALPH E. TOWNSLEY

WALTON F. DATER

REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Ashfield Conservation Commission had a quiet year. Arthur Williams was appointed a third member to take the place of Robert Robertson, who did not wish to serve another term.

It was a year of reappraisal for the Mass. Association of Conservation Commissions. The services of an executive secretary were no longer available and the new state President, Robert Ellis, spent a great deal of time with the membership. Priorities were studied; aims and targets for commissions were discussed so that a good footing for future growth could be developed.

The Legislature passed an amendment to the so-called "Hatch Act", Chapter 131, Section 40, which gives the town conservation commission the authority to hold all hearings after February 7, 1972. It was signed by the Governor and is now the law. It says in part, "A person shall not remove, fill or dredge any bank, flat, marsh, meadow or swamp bordering on any inland water without filing written notice of his intention". Land used for agricultural purposes is exempt as are highways, etc.

It would appear that the Ashfield Conservation would have work in the coming year if the trend to new houses continues.

LINWOOD B. LESURE

PHILIP DATER

ARTHUR WILLIAMS

Conservation Commission

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

The year 1971 saw several new changes take place for the Ashfield Police. The town voted to establish a Police Department supervised by a Chief of Police.

The police cruiser became a reality, giving more coverage throughout the area and the added convenience of having all of the equipment in one vehicle.

The Franklin County Police Radio Network went into full swing and has proven very successful with 17 towns out of 26 in the county using it. Five more towns have shown interest in joining the network.

The larger towns seem to want to be self-sustaining. Veridat Corp. has made a survey of radio systems in the Commonwealth and has found the Franklin County system to be the best in the state and is recommending this particular system to other towns in Massachusetts.

We now have in-service training programs for part-time police in Franklin County. This is another first in the Commonwealth. If these programs are a success here, they will have similar programs in other counties. There are over 80 police who have received certificates under this training. Ashfield men certified are Warren Kirkpatrick, Kenneth Howes and Walter Zalenski.

The Ashfield police have been busy again this year with the following number of crimes and calls received in town:

Misc. calls & information given	764
Complaints	201
Investigations	233
Assault	1
Drunkenness	2
Vandalism	28
Stolen property	28
Breaking and entering	20
Liquor investig.	4
Lost dogs, dog complaints	18
Accidents investigated by Ashfield Police	27
Accidents reported to Ashfield Police	40
Arrests	3
Citations	22
Court Appearances (Total of 37 hrs.)	12
Routine house checks	40
Trips to State Hospital	3
Trips to F. C. P. Hospital	2
I.D. Cards issued	33

The Police Department covered a total of more than 8,000 miles and made 89 patrols totaling 625 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER D. ZALENSKI,
Chief of Police

REPORT OF THE AMBULANCE COMMITTEE

The year 1971 will be recalled as a memorable one for the Ashfield Ambulance, the outstanding recollection being the arrival of our new Pontiac Ambulance in May. Coincidental with its coming was an unanticipated increase in the frequency of its use. While the majority of our runs were made to local hospitals and nursing homes, there were two exceptions. One extended trip was made to Burbank Hospital in Fitchburg and a second to Bradley Field in Connecticut.

A study of our log indicates that a noticeable change is occurring in the type of service we are required to perform. In previous years our calls were predominantly of the routine variety, but in this reporting period there has been a definite increase in cases of an emergency nature.

In preparation to meet the challenge, a special First Aid class was held for present and prospective Volunteers. Its purpose was two-fold. First, it provided an opportunity for reviewing and updating the latest techniques in emergency care. Secondly, it served as an appropriate time for the Police, Fire, and Ambulance personnel to familiarize themselves with the new vehicle.

Under the able instructorship of Amherst Fire Chief, John Doherty and his assistant Victor Zumbruski, thirteen participants received either Standard or Advanced First-Aid cards.

Other extra curricular activities in 1971 included an invitation from Boy Scout Troop 18 to join them in an emergency preparedness program involving a lost man search.

Later in the year our department assisted the Ashfield-Conway Lion's Club in organizing, staffing, and lending equipment for a Glaucoma clinic.

In August seven from our group attended a class in Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation at the Farren Memorial Hospital.

Along the lines of supplies and equipment the following articles were added: a Bag-Mask Resuscitator, a cervical collar, a second oxygen tank stand, Velcro straps for the small spine board, several Instant Ice Packs, and a number of replacement items.

Supplemental to the above were several purchases made from memory funds. A portion of the Burt Crocker Fund was used to obtain two hanging stretchers for the new Ambulance, to accommodate multiple transports, and a multi-purpose First-Aid Kit to be available for community and home emergencies.

Three copies of a detailed reference book, "Emergency Care and Transportation of the Sick and Injured" were acquired. One was given in memory of John J. Hale by Walter and Alice Whitney and two by LeRoy and Bessie Anderson in memory of William J. Martin, Jr.

Our monetary position was never more favorable. While its details are outlined in the Treasurer's Report, we wish to extend our gratitude for all the gifts and the ten memorials that were established for the benefit of the Ambulance.

In 1971 these memorials and gifts along with some earnings totaled \$1,958.65.

We wish to thank Philip Babcock, former owner of the Modern Laundry, and Gordon and Lois Graves for having solved our laundry problems for so many years.

Our appreciation goes to the Amherst Fire Department for sharing their personnel, their talents, and their equipment with us. This association with one of the most active departments in this area has been of utmost value.

To the people of Ashfield the Ambulance Volunteers extend a sincere thank you for your continuing support.

Respectfully submitted,

ALICE WHITNEY, Co-Chairman

REPORT OF THE PARK COMMISSIONERS

The year 1971 was a successful one for the users of the park facilities and beach.

The beach area was opened for swimming on June 7th and remained open until August 29th. American Red Cross swimming lessons were given from July 7th through July 20th. Total enrollment for the program was 138 students. Class size ranged from a high of 65 beginners to 3 in Life Saving. Our thanks go to Roger Reid who conducted these classes and was also the life guard. We also thank Roger's assistants and others who made for a successful swimming program.

The dock and much of the other equipment are beginning to show the effects of their age and use and will need replacement. The dock has been affected by ice in recent years and its deck is slated for replacement in the spring of 1972. The lumber has been purchased

and we expect to have it completed by June. Lumber has also been purchased for a tennis backboard for the tennis court.

Many thanks to all those who made this successful year possible.

ALBERT PIEROPAN

CLIFTON PEASE

DAVID FULLER

Park Commissioners

JURY LIST

Craft, Clayton C.	Traffic Manager
Doyle, Helen E.	Housewife
Graves, Marianna T.	Housewife
Hand, Charles M.	Engineer, builder
Howes, Gladys J.	Teacher
Mott, Barbara D.	Housewife
Nye, Pauline J.	Housewife, teacher
Pantermehl, Arthur P.	Plumber
Phelps, Nicholas G.	Contractor
Record, Clement H.	Insurance
Schreiber, William H.	Farmer
Steinmetz, Philip H.	Minister
Taylor, Ernest W.	Carpenter
Townsley, Dorothy N.	Housewife

REPORT OF VETERANS' SERVICE AGENT

To the Board of Selectmen, The Tax Payers and the Voters of the Town of Ashfield.

The Annual Report of this district, its activities and services.

Office contacts during the year 1971 totaled 2655. This being 12 fewer than the total of the year 1970.

Summary of Services

Vietnam Bonus	86
Burials, Flags and Markers	148
Education	181
Employment	7
Pensions, Home Loans, Compensation	
Annual Income Questionnaire	
Tax Exemption, Hospital and Clinical	
Social Security and Misc. Services	2094
Photo Services	93
Registration for Selective Service	46
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	2655

Massachusetts Bonus applications totaled 48 this year. This making payment to Veterans of the Vietnam era qualification, the sum of \$11,100.00.

During the year 76 new Veteran's folders have been added to our files. We encourage all Veterans to have a complete file of family history at this office. Namely, Certificates of Birth, Marriage, Divorce and all other Vital Statistics.

We have assisted in making 21 applications for Federal and State benefits for Veterans and dependents. Awards on these applications thus far received total \$18,293.00.

Within the District there have been 23 Deaths of Veterans during 1971.

The Veterans' Benefits program furnished aid to 49 families involving 110 people. \$66,931.49 was expended by member towns during 1971 of which 50% will be reimbursed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Expenditures by Category

Ordinary Benefits	\$27,782.11
Fuel	4,611.50
Medical	6,066.63
Nursing Home	8,909.46
Doctor	1,745.00
Hospital	11,568.15
Dental	403.00
Miscellaneous	5,845.64
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	\$66,931.49

The District Office is located in Memorial Hall, Bridge Street, Shelburne Falls, Mass. It is open Monday thru Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

It has been a pleasure working with the Officials of the towns involved, during the year 1971. The Cooperation of the Veterans' Organizations of the District is greatly Appreciated.

AMERICAN LEGION — VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

Respectfully submitted,

CLYDE H. CHURCHILL,
Director and Veterans' Agent

WESTERN FRANKLIN VETERANS' SERVICE CENTER

1971 TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance January 1, 1971	\$ 1,463.09
Receipts 1971:	
Town of Ashfield	\$ 1,067.00
Town of Buckland	2,240.70
Town of Charlemont	746.90
Town of Colrain	1,280.40
Town of Conway	746.90
Town of Hawley	213.40
Town of Heath	320.10
Town of Monroe	746.90
Town of Plainfield	213.40
Town of Rowe	533.50

Town of Shelburne	2,560.80	
Flags & Markers	343.45	
Photo Copies	18.05	
Fed. Withholding	598.40	
State Withholding	102.96	
County Retirement	397.54	
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		\$ 13,593.49

Payments 1971:

Salary, Director	\$ 6,850.00	
Salary, Clerk	1,100.10	
Salary, Treas.	100.00	
Rent	600.00	
Phone	287.13	
Janitor	140.00	
Office Expense	456.50	
Agent's Travel & Expense	250.35	
County Retirement Assess.	794.50	
Misc.	5.80	
Treas. Bond	10.00	
Flags & Markers	472.75	
Fed. Withholding	598.40	
State Withholding	102.96	
County Retirement	397.54	
	<hr/>	\$ 12,166.03
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Balance Dec. 31, 1971		\$ 1,427.46

OLIVE E. WOOD, Treas.

School Department

BUCKLAND-COLRAIN-SHELBURNE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
HAWLEMONT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENCY UNION #65

SCHOOL CALENDAR

S M T W TH F S

SEPTEMBER (17)

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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

Labor Day - September 6

Faculty Meetings - September 7

NOVEMBER (20)

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28	29	30				

Thanksgiving - November 25 & 26

JANUARY (21)

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30	31					

MARCH (22)

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Good Friday - March 31

MAY (22)

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28	29	30	31			

Memorial Day - May 29

SCHOOL YEAR 1971-1972

S M T W TH F S

OCTOBER (19)

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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

Columbus Day - October 11

Veterans Day - October 25

DECEMBER (16)

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26	27	28	29	30	31	

Christmas Vacation - December 23-31

FEBRUARY (16)

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27	28	29				

Mid-Winter Vacation - February 21-25

APRIL (15)

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30						

Spring Vacation - April 17-21

JUNE (17)

				1	2	3
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

School closes - Friday, June 23

SCHOOL CALENDAR TOTAL: 185 DAYS

One-session days are: Wednesday, November 24, 1971 and Friday, June 23, 1972

One-session days for curriculum workshops of individual school committees as are necessary.

Last day for Seniors in classroom: June 5

Graduation: Sunday, June 11, 1972

NO SCHOOL SIGNAL

The "NO SCHOOL" announcements are made over the following radio stations:

W H A I — Greenfield
 W H M P — Northampton
 W M N B — North Adams
 W H Y N — Springfield
 W T I C — Hartford, Connecticut

The report of the Superintendent of Schools is submitted as the report of the Ashfield School Committee.

ROGER SCOTT, Chairman
 ROBERT ROBERTSON
 DOROTHY CRAFT

APPROPRIATION FOR SUPPORT

Of the Ashfield Public School — 1972

	<i>1971 Appropriation</i>	<i>1971 Expenditures</i>	<i>1972 Appropriation</i>
ADMINISTRATION:			
School Committee Supplies	\$ 10.00	\$	\$ 10.00
School Committee Other Expense	226.00	185.41	109.00
Superintendent's Salary	3,517.88	3,516.82	3,364.40
Superintendent's Clerical	3,592.84	3,533.53	4,255.00
Superintendent's Travel	530.60	325.00	476.56
	\$ 7,877.32	\$ 7,560.76	\$ 8,214.96
INSTRUCTION			
Supervisor's Salaries	\$	\$ 763.54	\$ 2,407.00
Supervisor's Other Expense	.....	38.63	150.00
Principal's Salary	10,461.67	11,234.62	11,982.53
Principal's Clerical	.....	.....	2,580.50
Principal's Supplies	120.00	128.48	200.00
Principal's Other Expense	125.00	123.55	200.00
Teachers' Salaries	88,531.50	84,758.28	92,647.00
Substitutes	1,170.00	648.00	1,170.00
Teacher Aides	6,676.20	5,283.70	4,715.40
Supplies and Materials	4,020.00	3,963.79	4,400.00
Other Expense	548.40	473.41	110.00
Teacher Salary, Special Education	.....	465.55	1,076.00
Teacher Aide, Special Education	.....	118.16	329.00

Supplies and Materials,			
Special Education	6.00	100.00	
Textbooks, Special Education	2.25		
Other Expense, Special Education		14.00	
Textbooks	385.00	707.42	1,300.00
Library Aide			432.00
Library Supplies and Materials	530.00	413.65	650.00
Other expense			75.00
Audio-Visual Supplies	175.00	102.45	300.00
Audio-Visual Other Expense	25.00	25.00	50.00
Testing Materials	100.00	140.96	405.00
Testing, Other Expense			100.00
Psychological Contracted Services	414.00	414.00	528.00
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	\$113,281.77	\$109,811.44	\$125,921.43

OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES:

School Physician's Salary	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Health Supplies	25.00	19.70	25.00
Pupil Transportation,			
Parent Arranged	200.00	3.00	
Pupil Transportation, Contracted	23,800.00	23,490.00	25,725.00
Pupil Transportation,			
Special Education		384.60	2,900.00
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	\$ 24,225.00	\$ 24,097.30	\$ 28,850.00

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF PLANT:

Custodial Salary	\$ 7,456.60	\$ 7,481.47	\$ 7,820.00
Custodial Supplies	950.00	1,088.50	1,180.00
Fuel	3,650.00	2,881.32	3,940.00
Utilities	2,425.00	3,017.44	2,814.80
Maintenance of Grounds,			
Contracted	500.00	483.00	500.00
Maintenance of Grounds, Supplies	50.00	26.25	50.00
Maintenance of Building,			
Contracted			6,225.00
Maintenance of Building, Supplies	3,840.00	4,933.06	425.00
Maintenance of Equipment,			
Contracted	375.00	441.11	720.00
Maintenance of Equipment,			
Supplies			40.00
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	\$ 19,246.60	\$ 20,352.15	\$ 23,714.80

FIXED CHARGES:

Rental of Garage	\$	\$ 100.00	\$ 120.00
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ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS:

New Equipment	\$ 1,703.50	\$ 2,019.80	\$ 662.50
New Equipment, Special Education	29.39
Replacement of Equipment	280.00
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	\$ 1,703.50	\$ 2,049.19	\$ 942.50

PROGRAMS WITH OTHER DISTRICTS:

Tuition, Special Education	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 550.00	\$ 3,280.00
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TOTALS	\$167,834.19	\$164,520.84	\$191,043.69
Unexpended Balance	3,313.35
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	\$167,834.19	\$167,834.19	\$191,043.69

EXPENDITURES

ADMINISTRATION:

School Committee Expense			
Snow's Ice Cream, Christmas Program	\$	22.50	
Greenfield--Recorder, Advertising		46.80	
Massachusetts Association of School Committee, Dues		100.00	
Mrs. Isabelle King, Opening Day Speaker		9.97	
Harper & Row Publishers, Union Expense		6.14	
		<hr/>	\$ 185.41
Superintendent of Schools			
Salary	\$	3,516.82	
Travel		325.00	
Clerical		3,533.53	
		<hr/>	\$ 7,375.35

INSTRUCTION, SUPERVISION
AND ADMINISTRATION:

Supervisor's Salaries			
Sheila Merritt	\$	727.54	
Susan Adamski		36.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 763.54
Supervisor's Travel			\$ 38.63
Salary, Howard S. Luper, Principal	\$	11,234.62	
Principal's Supplies		128.48	
Principal's Travel		123.55	
		<hr/>	\$ 11,486.65

INSTRUCTION:

Teachers and Aides:			
Vernon Avera	\$	7,742.68	
Margaret Booker		6,665.96	

Martha Conant	4,560.52	
Judith Dabkowski	1,929.12	
Vivien Fuller	2,492.24	
Julie Gooch	4,140.00	
Mary Hall	7,459.44	
Cathy Jeswald, Sp. Education	435.55	
Alice Libby	7,121.40	
Rachel Manners	5,053.68	
Katherine Minor	5,151.90	
Kathleen O'Connell	6,459.00	
Joanne Ostrowski	6,242.72	
Marjorie Senecal	4,569.12	
Ida Sloan	7,342.56	
Ida Sloan, Tutoring	30.00	
Susan Traft	1,699.62	
Lenore Berson	387.51	
Sylvia Correll	391.05	
Margaret Dean	2,263.32	
Carol Law	1,026.88	
Marguerite Romer	2,059.56	
June Graves	399.00	
Gladys Kendrick	2,229.30	
Ruth Rice	2,241.20	
Janice Rosenbaum	414.20	
Joyce Thompson, Sp. Education	118.16	
		\$ 90,625.69
Substitute Teachers:		
Jean deStreel	\$ 18.00	
Walter Gladwin	36.00	
Pauline Nye	126.00	
Ruth Rice	72.00	
Nancy Rillings	198.00	
Marjorie Senecal	36.00	
Dorothy Taylor	162.00	
		\$ 648.00
Supplies:		
K - 6	\$ 3,841.55	
Art	12.04	
Athletic	110.20	
Special Education	6.00	
		\$ 3,969.79
Teachers' Other Expense		
Professional Books	\$ 10.30	
Workshops	85.83	
Conferences and Travel	256.88	
Blue Cross - Blue Shield	120.40	
		\$ 473.41

Textbooks:			
K - 6	\$	292.26	
Music		181.95	
Remedial Reading		233.21	
Special Education		2.25	
		<hr/>	\$ 709.67
Library Services:			
Books, Papers and Magazines	\$	370.29	
Supplies		43.36	
		<hr/>	\$ 413.65
Audio Visual Materials:			\$ 127.45
Elementary Tests and Supplies:			\$ 140.96
Psychological Contracted Services:			\$ 414.00
OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES:			
Health Services:			
Physician's Salary	\$	200.00	
Health Supplies		19.70	
		<hr/>	\$ 219.70
Transportation:			
Parent Arranged Transportation			
Robert Coler			\$ 3.00
Pupil Transportation, Contracted			
Elementary			
C. W. Ward, Inc	\$	13,300.00	
Doug Ward		3,276.00	
Katherine Loomis		1,600.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 18,176.00
Kindergarten			
Robert Robertson	\$	2,592.00	
Katherine Loomis		1,728.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 4,320.00
Special Education			
Mohawk Bus			
Corporation	\$	994.00	
Cathy Jeswald		.60	
		<hr/>	\$ 994.60
Field Trips			
C. W. Ward, Inc.	\$	384.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 23,874.60
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF PLANT:			
Custodial Salary:			\$ 6,625.00
Custodial Helpers:			
Jeffrey Zalenski	\$	587.41	
Madeline Cromack		28.80	
Mareen Steiner		28.80	
Laurie Dufresne		186.46	

William Gray	25.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 856.47
Custodial Supplies:		
Berkshire Frosted Foods, Inc.	\$ 9.25	
Edward L. Canter, Inc.	1,063.29	
Keyes Hardware	15.96	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,088.50
Fuel:		\$ 2,881.32
Water:		\$ 225.00
Electricity:		\$ 2,531.26
Telephone:		\$ 261.18
Maintenance of Grounds:		
Edward L. Canter, Inc.	\$ 25.00	
Keyes Hardware	1.25	
C. W. Ward, Inc., Snow Removal	483.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 509.25
Maintenance of Building:		
American Standard Wholesale Co.	\$ 141.89	
Edward L. Canter, Inc.	90.00	
Commissioner of Public Safety	10.00	
Maurice Day	544.50	
Eastern Textile Company	6.90	
William Gray	1,748.26	
S. & J. Jamrog	870.29	
Johnson Service Company	48.12	
Keyes Hardware	28.41	
Robert Nye	14.00	
Norman Pike	14.00	
Joe A. Pringle	7.50	
Rugg Manufacturing Co.	60.56	
1788 Yards	37.34	
Willis Thayer	28.16	
Valley Tank Company, Inc.	85.00	
Ward Plumbing	541.13	
Wilson's Inc.	657.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 4,933.06
Maintenance of Equipment		
Ashfield Motor Sales, Truck	\$ 1.00	
Barrett and Baker, Office	48.00	
Edward L. Canter, Inc., Janitor	136.80	
Samuel Davis, Truck	60.50	
Gribbons Music House, Instruments	15.20	
R. D. Snively, Pianos	28.50	
So. Deerfield Fire Equipment Co., Extinguishers	19.75	
Willis G. Thayer, Oven	66.56	

Valley Studio and Camera - Audio-Visual	64.80	
Clifton Pease, Garage rental	100.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 541.11
NEW EQUIPMENT:		
Ashfield Motor Sales, Truck	\$ 1,050.00	
Harrison Harries, Inc., Audio-Visual	241.00	
Holyoke Equipment Co., Oven	285.86	
Keyes Hardware, Drill	34.95	
New England School Supplies, Clocks	80.00	
Sears, Roebuck and Company, Rug	195.00	
Willis G. Thayer, Oven	132.99	
Special Education	29.39	
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TUITION:		
Elementary:		
Franklin County Public Hospital		\$ 550.00
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TOTAL		\$164,520.84

HOT LUNCH FUND

RECEIPTS:		
Balance on hand January 1, 1971		\$ 931.85
Adult Lunchroom Sales	\$ 983.50	
Student Lunroom Sales	7,450.24	
State Reimbursement	4,829.45	
Other Receipts	335.40	
	<hr/>	\$ 13,598.59
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TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$ 14,530.44

EXPENDITURES:		
Food	\$ 4,791.27	
Milk	2,776.52	
Labor	5,838.74	
Cafeteria Supplies	170.25	
Cafeteria Expense	315.13	
	<hr/>	\$ 13,891.91
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:		<hr/>
CASH BALANCE on hand December 31, 1971		\$ 638.53

FEDERAL PROJECT — CONVECTION OVEN

RECEIPTS:		
Commonwealth of Massachusetts		
Office of School Lunch Program, (Federal funds)	\$ 1,256.54	

EXPENDITURES:

Holyoke Equipment Company

\$ 1,256.54

Balance on hand December 31, 1971

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ESEA - TITLE II**Library**

Balance on hand January 1, 1971

\$ 43.24

RECEIPTS:

Bureau of Library Extension

State Department of Education

354.85

\$ 398.09

EXPENDITURES:

Educational Reading Service

\$ 342.45

Library Book House

54.57

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

1.07

\$ 398.09

Balance on hand December 31, 1971

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TITLE I - DIAGNOSIS AND REMEDIATION OF EARLY**LEARNING PROBLEMS****RECEIPTS:**

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

State Department of Education

\$ 8,588.00

EXPENDITURES:**Salary:**

Joseph Zadroga,

Remedial Specialist

\$ 2,633.07

Cathy Ryon, Aide

1,669.50

Martha Rice, Aide

373.00

Robert D. Small, Director

300.00

Norma Lynch, Secretarial

24.00

\$ 4,999.57

Travel:

119.00

Supplies:

663.66

Evaluations:

195.07

Workshops:

245.70

\$ 6,233.00

Cash returned to Commonwealth
of Massachusetts

2,365.00

\$ 8,588.00

Cash balance on hand December 31, 1971

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REPORT OF SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

To: Ashfield School Committee ,
Mr. Roger Scott, Chairman
Mr. Robert Robertson
Mrs. Dorothy Craft, Secretary

This past year has been one of change. In June, 1971, Principal Robert Small submitted his resignation to the Ashfield School Committee. This was accepted by the committee with regret at the regular June Meeting. The children of Ashfield are fortunate to have had association with Mr. Robert Small, first as a teacher in Sanderson Academy and then more recently as principal of the elementary school. He has helped to shape the values and education of many of our children. During July the superintendent advertised for a replacement for this important post. Applicants were then screened for the school committee. At its regular meeting in July after interviewing three of the top candidates, the school committee selected Mr. Howard S. Luper of New York City to succeed Mr. Small. Mr. Luper brings to the position some six years of experience as a classroom teacher, first in Newburgh, New York, and then later with the New York City schools.

Some of the changes that have occurred this past year have evolved out of the fact of the shared superintendency. It will be recalled that in December of 1969 the school committees of Plainfield and Ashfield along with all other school committees in the commonwealth, were required to file with the State Board of Education the procedure by which they would meet the state guidelines for school district organization. Rather than formulate a single school district that would encompass all towns on a kindergarten through grade twelve basis, the committees indicated that by means of a shared superintendency cooperation could be achieved on an educational level amongst member organizations but that each town or district as it now existed would retain its own legal identity.

One of the cooperative educational efforts that has been implemented during the year is the elementary reading supervisory position where responsibilities extend amongst the elementary schools of Rowe, Hawlemont, and B-C-S in addition to responsibilities at Sanderson Academy. A year ago at this time there were two such persons employed in our elementary schools. One position was eliminated and the systemwide supervisory position was created so as to bring about better coordination in this important area of reading. Mrs. Sheila Merritt of Shelburne, who has had wide experience, first as a classroom teacher and subsequently as a reading specialist, was employed for this new position. She has been active since September

in working with teachers and principals in an effort to both coordinate and strengthen our programs in reading instruction. Further, she is presently conducting a class in the evenings for those of our teachers who had manifested a desire to increase their personal skills. While she cannot spend as much time directly with children in the classroom as was done under the previous arrangement, she is in a far better position to help teachers with specific reading problems.

Miss Susan Adamski who has been in charge of the library media center at the high school has had her responsibilities broadened by the collective action of all school committees to include the improvement of libraries and resource centers in the elementary schools. It has been suggested that the professional responsibilities assigned to Miss Adamski are excessive and that there is more work to be done in the development of libraries than can be achieved by one person. There is some element of truth to this claim particularly if one uses the recommended standards of the American Library Association. However, when one examines the present state of development of our elementary school libraries today with what existed at this time a year ago, even the impartial observer must acknowledge that there are more materials, that they are more systematically organized and that they are being made more accessible to individual youngsters. If getting interesting and worthwhile instructional materials into the hands of the students is any measure of whether the program is successful, then one must admit that Miss Adamski is making satisfactory progress with her several responsibilities.

The several school committees also took action to strengthen our art and music programs. A year ago Sanderson, Hawlemont and Rowe employed an art instructor four days a week. This has been increased to a full-time position and Sanderson, along with Rowe and Hawlemont are the beneficiaries. The school committees have also recognized the fact that our elementary music program needed strengthening. With this thought in mind a shared instrumental music teacher was employed beginning in September to work with the boys and girls of all of the elementary schools that send pupils into the Mohawk system. Miss Lenore Berson was selected to fill this new post. Miss Carol Law was employed as the full-time art teacher to replace Mrs. Marguerite Romer who resigned in June, 1971.

Late in summer the Department of Education approved our application for a cooperative Title I, Public Law 89-10, Project in the area of elementary guidance. The entire cost is subsidized by federal funds. The primary purpose of the project is the identification and assistance of eligible children who have learning disabilities of one kind or another. The project is under the direction of Mrs. Katherine Minor, a member of the Ashfield staff on leave of absence for the

current school year. She is being assisted by a full time teacher aide within Sanderson Academy. It is hoped that by identifying and helping a youngster who has a particular problem, not only will the youngster benefit but also the classroom from which the youngster was assigned. Experience has indicated that many youngsters who create problem situations both for themselves and the classroom generally respond constructively when given the opportunity of a one-to-one relationship (one youngster/one adult). The project has been funded by the government through June 1972. At this time based on the assessment of an outside evaluator, we will be better able to know whether the expenditure of time and money has been worthwhile and whether we should continue in this same direction another year.

Since the start of the shared superintendency in April of 1970, we have moved in the direction of cooperation amongst our several elementary schools. Beginning in September of 1970 monthly meetings of all of the principals with the superintendent were initiated. This year we have broadened our meetings to include the reading, library and guidance specialists as required for particular meetings. From such meetings came the beginning of a joint report card study committee. This committee composed of parents, teachers and administrators recommended the adoption of a new report card which they assisted in developing. Currently at our principals' meetings we are undertaking a critical examination of standard testing programs to see if we are using proper test devices that we feel necessary to further develop and refine our instructional program. There is some feeling that we should make use of the same testing devices in all of our elementary schools as this will provide a better standardized basis for the placement of students as 7th graders within the Mohawk organization. Our meetings this past year have not only involved principals but we have had two very helpful sessions where we brought together all 6th and 7th grade teachers or a discussion and resolution of common problems.

It is not the intent of the superintendent to cause undue alarm with the town. However, it does seem necessary to point out that Sanderson Academy is now approximately 31 years old. As the building increases in age, it will undoubtedly become necessary to increase expenditures relating to maintenance and renovation.

Providing adequate maintenance is undertaken when needed, the building should provide many years of service in the future. Boiler maintenance, plumbing repairs and interior painting are the areas currently demanding attention of the committee. This past year the ceiling of the gym underwent major renovation and a large portion of the room was repainted along with the downstairs hall, the boys' locker room and parts of two classrooms. There is still need for a

curtain to facilitate the presentation of plays and other artistic productions. The boiler in the school is now approximately 31 years of age and appears to be requiring increased attention. The school department is currently burning No. 4 oil as a fuel, and we will no doubt have to convert to No. 2 oil as the requirements for pollution control become more stringent. Maintenance expenditures are costing more now than in the past, but for the very obvious reasons that both labor and materials are costing more. However, when one considers the alternative, the best investment of the Ashfield citizenry is to continue needed maintenance expenditures at Sanderson Academy so that it can continue to function effectively as a school.

The problem of financing schools in this inflationary period is a very real one. The gross operative budget for the Ashfield school has increased each year. In 1969 it was \$149,448.09. The following year the operating budget had increased to \$160,380.07. In 1971 the operating budget was \$167,834.19. The percent of increase had thus slowed somewhat in 1971 over the previous year. However, the gross operating budget does not tell the whole story of school finances. For each of the three years listed above the amount of reimbursement received from the state for transportation and special education has been a little over \$20,000. There are other funds which Ashfield receives for purposes of education which do not show in the school budget but are nonetheless receipts which are available to the town and thus have the effect of tending to keep the tax level more stabilized. These are the Chapter 70 moneys. In 1969 the Town of Ashfield received \$40,183.98. This had increased in 1970 to \$63,355.32. The entitlement for this year amounts to \$66,228.39. However, it is significant to note that the increases received under Chapter 70 have more than equaled the increases in the gross operating budgets for the years mentioned above.

The attention of citizens is directed to Principal Luper's report which follows.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR P. SILVESTER

Superintendent of Schools

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Mr. Arthur P. Silvester
Superintendent of Schools
17 Bridge Street
Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts 01370

Dear Mr. Silvester:

Herewith is my report as Principal of Sanderson Academy for the school year 1971-1972:

ENROLLMENT — November 1, 1971

<i>Grade</i>	<i>Boys</i>	<i>Girls</i>	<i>Total</i>
K	14	12	26
1	13	16	29
2	21	12	33
3	18	17	35
4	16	15	31
5	14	15	29
6	14	17	31
Totals	110	104	214

FACULTY AND STAFF

This year the Sanderson Academy Faculty includes eleven full-time classroom teachers and three part-time special instructors. New teachers hired for classrooms this year are: Mrs. Judith Dabkowski, Grade 3; Mrs. Martha Conant, Grade 4; and Mrs. Susan Traft, Grades 5 and 6. Included as special instructors are: Miss Carol Law, Art; Mrs. Margaret E. Dean, Music; and Miss Lenore Berson, Instrumental Music Instruction. In addition, Sanderson Academy's Reading Program is supervised by Mrs. Sheila Merritt and our Library and Instructional Media are supervised by Miss Susan Adamski. Mrs. Katherine Minor, formerly teacher of grades 5 and 6 has been appointed to a district-wide one year Title I Guidance Program.

Our teacher-aide staff has grown with Miss June Graves, a part-time physical education aide, and Mrs. Janice Rosenbaum, a part-time library aide. Miss Sherry Walworth is a full-time aide for the Title I Guidance Program.

INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM

Our departmentalized reading program aimed at reaching all our children at their functional reading level continues to be an important part of our instructional program.

We continue with the Elementary Science Study Program as a part of our Science Curriculum.

We are endeavoring to strengthen all areas of curriculum through frequent faculty meetings and continuous ongoing evaluation.

An instrumental music program has been initiated, and 24 children are currently learning to play instruments at Sanderson. We receive instruction every Friday.

After a year of study and investigation the principals and teachers formulated a new report card instrument last year. This year it has been approved by the school committees for a one year trial. This report card embodies a grading system using E for excellent, S for satisfactory, I for improving and N for needs to improve. In addition, parents are asked to come to school for conferences with their children's teachers two times a year. It is hoped that this method will foster greater and clearer communication between parent and teacher, parent and child, and teacher and child.

Total volumes in the Sanderson Academy Library collection have been increased to 1,579. In addition, we have an additional 594 volumes on long-term loan from the bookmobile, and several dozen other volumes which circulate from the bookmobile each semester. Between 70 and 80 books circulate daily. Furthermore, due to a gift from the Trustees we are able to purchase a new set of Encyclopedia for our library.

We are also again thankful for all who supported our Third Annual Book Fair which provides extra resources for the purchase of books.

MAINTENANCE

Last summer our gymnasium was painted and refurbished generally. Our lower hallway and central stairwell were painted. This year we hope to concentrate on repairing and painting the upper hall and maintenance of the facade of the building.

In closing, I wish to thank the faculty and staff, children and parents, who have all been so cooperative and helpful in making this school year successful. Total community concern and involvement build good schools.

Respectfully submitted,

HOWARD S. LUPER

Principal

CAFETERIA MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Arthur P. Silvester
Superintendent of Schools
17 Bridge Street
Shelburne Falls, Mass. 01370

Dear Mr. Silvester:

I hereby submit my seventh annual report as Cafeteria Manager.

The value of the commodities fluctuates every year. The kinds and amounts of items that the Department of Agriculture purchases each year vary and depend upon availability and price.

President Nixon approved free lunches for all needy children, and the Department of Agriculture is expected to have an extra \$100,000,000 for this purpose. School Food Service throughout the country must be made available to all school children.

Our average daily attendance is approximately 160. The enrollment varies from year to year.

We have two lunch periods. Mrs. Dufresne is my assistant also Mrs. Williams is the part time helper.

We had a new electric oven installed last year which was seventy-five percent reimburseable from the Federal Government.

In closing I would like to thank Mr. Silvester and the School Committee for their help.

Respectfully submitted,

PHYLLIS E. GRAVES
Cafeteria Manager

SCHOOL NURSE'S REPORT

To the Superintendent, Principal, School Committee and Citizens of the Town of Ashfield:

I wish to submit my third annual report as school nurse for the period December, 1970 to December 1971.

Our goal in school health is to devise ways to assist our youth to achieve the greatest possible degree of health, thus helping them to

develop the foundation for happy, useful lives. Hopefully each will gradually assume increased responsibility for his own health, and that of his family and community.

Annual physical examinations by the school physician, Dr. Galbo, have been completed in grades one, three and five. Referrals were sent to parents regarding any detected defects, which were very few. Diphtheria-Tetanus boosters were given to the fifth graders who needed them with parental permission.

A menstrual education film was shown and discussed with all fifth and sixth grade girls.

An anti-smoking film was shown and discussed with all fifth and sixth graders.

Arrangements were made for the Nutritional Advisor, connected with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, to speak on good eating habits to our primary grades. I hope to initiate further consultation in the field of nutritional and dental care.

Vision and hearing testing, heights, weights, and checking for nits is done yearly for all students, resulting in many vision and a few hearing failures. Parents are notified of failures and referrals sent for further examination by a physician.

Mantoux skin testing for tuberculosis was given to Kindergarten and first graders and school personnel due for recheck. No positive reactors were found.

SUMMARY:

School enrollment — 216
School visits — 36
School conferences — 32
Home conferences — 14
Absences — 1,979

In closing, I wish to express my appreciation to all school personnel for their cooperation and assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

LORRAINE STRIPPE, R.N.

REPORT OF MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Providing the best possible educational opportunities for more than 1000 students in grades 7-12 has continued to be the prime motivation of the Mohawk Trail Regional school committee, the administrators, the faculty and staff. More than 150 persons, both professionals and laymen, have devoted much time and consideration to the advancement of the Mohawk School System during all of 1971.

The report of the School Superintendent Arthur P. Silvester which follows provides most of the details of the Mohawk operations for the year but the school committee report is of a general nature.

Superintendent Silvester and his assistant Eugene E. Balazs have continued to provide the capable leadership which is evident with progress made at Mohawk. The Committee also acknowledges the great contribution of Principal Kenneth F. Hadermann in the implementation of new methods in scheduling, educational innovation and administrative streamlining. Mr. Hadermann and the Vice-principal Melvin Abrahamson and their staff have maintained the high school business office in an efficient yet friendly atmosphere. The Superintendent's office at 17 Bridge Street in Shelburne Falls is woefully cramped for space. His overworked but loyal staff have strived to overcome the difficulties of the crowded conditions, but with the increasing demand of paper work, it is now necessary to consider larger quarters. Hopefully such expansion will be accomplished soon which will result in improved working conditions and efficiency.

The Committee further acknowledges the loyal and dedicated faculty. We appreciate there were some difficult and trying times during 1971 due to administrative changes, contract negotiations, etc., but the teachers continued throughout to place first consideration on the best interests of their students. As part of the continuing effort to improve cooperation and understanding between the teachers and school committeemen an invitation was extended for two faculty members to become "unofficial" members of the school committee and to participate in all regular discussions concerning the District. The two student representatives and now the two teacher representatives have afforded the committee valuable assistance and "feedback" from the two groups most deeply involved in the daily life of the school. Hopefully such direct communication will continue to improve with the periodic K-12 Newsletter which is planned to bring all segments of our nine-town educational system to better understanding of mutual problems.

In March of 1971 the State Board of Education recommended to all Secondary School Committees the careful consideration of the "Guidelines for Student Rights and Responsibilities". The Mohawk Committee appointed an "Ad Hoc Committee" composed of community leaders, educators and students to study the guidelines as they relate to Mohawk and to report their recommendations back to the School Committee. Under the Chairmanship of Winston Healy the Ad Hoc Committee has prepared a most comprehensive report which is now being reviewed by the School Committee. During the coming year the Mohawk Committee will establish policy regarding the responsibilities and rights of Mohawk students. (It is interesting to note that the "Massachusetts Secondary School Principals' Association" has just published a "position paper" regarding the State Guidelines which seems to indicate that some principals feel their rights are threatened if student rights are clarified. If the Principals' Association had earlier offered leadership in the area of student rights, perhaps the State Board of Education adoption of Guidelines would not have been necessary.)

We extend grateful appreciation for the gifts to Mohawk during 1971: to Paul Pirmov of Shelburne for the gift of a 1000 pound lawn roller; to the Shelburne Falls Kiwanis Club for the gift of a refrigerator for the Athletic Department; and to the Mohawk Class of 1969 for the gift toward the purchase of the school sign. We also extend appreciation to the many persons who have helped Mohawk in any way; the teacher aides, the custodial staff, the cafeteria staff.

In this complex and changing educational era, the School Committee solicits the advice and comments of all members of the community: parents, teachers, students and citizens. The year 1972 brings a new opportunity for even greater advance of the cause of educational progress.

Respectfully submitted,

MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

JOHN H. WILLIAMS, Chairman	Rowe
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	Teacher Representative
ARTHUR P. SILVESTER	Secretary
F. NEWTON MILLER	Treasurer

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

1971 has been an important year in the history of the Mohawk Trail Regional High School. It is a year that has been characterized by change, not for the fact of change alone but change toward an evolutionary improvement of the school and its services for the students.

Each year there are personnel changes amongst our teaching staff. For the record, the changes that have taken place since January 1st are noted below:

TEACHERS — RESIGNED OR RETIRED

REPLACED BY NEW TEACHERS

David L. Backlin	I. Melvin Abrahamson (Michael Ellis)
Miss Carol E. Brassard	
	Mrs. Elizabeth Harris (Miss Joyce Perry)
Peter Romer	John Tilley
Mrs. Carol Riley	Charles Hills, III
Miss Marie Saunders	Mrs. Phyllis Mae Johannesen
Mrs. Susan Cote	Ronald Kimball
Mrs. Gladys Howes	Mrs. Beverly Thomas
Mrs. Elizabeth Forbes	Miss Janice Weeks
Mrs. Louise Sears	Miss Patricia McCarthy
Miss Gail Bower	Mrs. Beverly Peters

The New England Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools conducted an evaluation of the Mohawk Trail High School on May 10, 11, and 12 of this year. The evaluation had been initiated by the superintendent and the Mohawk Trail Regional School Committee in the spring of the previous year. During the interval between the

time the school committee made the judgment to have the evaluation and May of 1971 the Mohawk teaching staff was busily engaged in a self-evaluation using the standard guidelines provided in the *Evaluative Criteria* used by the New England Association.

During the three days the visiting committee was at Mohawk High School they were deluged with a wealth of information from the people associated with the school. In June a written report of their findings was submitted to the school. The report contains literally scores of commendations and recommendations.

During the summer the Commission on public secondary schools met and reviewed the report of the visiting committee. They recommended to the full association that Mohawk be given membership for a two year period and that within this time span the recommendations relating to the further improvement of the school be implemented. The Commission had the option of recommending membership for a 2, 5, or 10 year period. The fact that they selected the 2 year term indicates in their judgment, the urgency of our problems. In spite of the numerous contradictory recommendations that appear in the report of the visiting committee, the recommendation for a two year membership is probably an equitable judgment on the part of the association. They have in a sense reflected and given voice to the general public disappointment that has characterized Mohawk's early history. The basic reason why the Commission and the visiting committee recommended a two year term of membership is because so much of Mohawk's history has been characterized by turmoil, chaos, and contentious dissension. Basically, the judgment of the New England Association is valid and where a condition such as has been described exists it is obvious that all elements of the school have not in the past been pulling together. The sole justification for the school's existence is to help youngsters and if time is spent by personnel in power struggles and dissension then this is effort and energy that has not been spent on pupils.

During the summer the administration and the school committee began to move in the direction of reorganizing the high school so as to promote a more effective climate for learning and instruction. Where there were vacancies in department heads they were allowed to lapse. Existing department heads who were still employed by the district are scheduled to retain their title and compensation through June of 1972. The work and responsibility for the department heads has been taken over by three grade level coordinators. Each coordinator is responsible for two grade levels and the teachers whose instructional responsibilities rest within their grade levels. Appointed to these positions were Richard Potter, Grade 7 and Grade 8; Richard Otico, Grade 9 and Grade 10; and Robert Nichols, Grade 11 and Grade 12. Admittedly, it is too early to know in a definitive man-

ner whether these changes in the organization are the ultimate answer to the improvement of the school. We will know better where we are at this time next year.

There are other changes that have taken place within the school with the endorsement and approval of the school committee. The guidance department and the administration, acting in cooperation with the superintendent, have endeavored to improve the character of our seventh and eighth grade programs. During the early years of Mohawk the educational interests of these youngsters did not receive sufficient attention and emphasis. The fact of the matter is that the incoming seventh grade students are the most fragile commodity within the organization. These youngsters along with the eighth graders are the ones that require special attention. The change from grade 6 in a smaller school to grade 7 in a larger school is nothing short of a shock from which it takes some youngsters several months to recover. This year we have assigned one member of the guidance department, Mrs. Elizabteh Harris, to pursue exclusively the interests of seventh and eighth graders. Further, to the extent possible, teachers with divided responsibilities (senior high and junior high) have been eliminated. Basically, a Mohawk teacher is now associated with either the senior high school or grades 7 and 8. This makes it possible for youngsters to get to know teachers better, but more importantly, it encourages a sense of belonging to the junior high organization by those Mohawk teachers assigned to those grade levels. Further, instruction in the use of library materials is being given to all students in the junior high divisions. The staff and administration has also tried to provide extra activities of a non-classroom nature in which junior high youngsters may participate. These would include such activities as school publications, student government and clubs.

The superintendent does not suggest that we have obtained the answer to all our problems. There is still a need for more humanizing, understanding, and compassion within the school organization. There is a need, too, for increased flexibility in the scheduling of youngsters whose problems are of a unique character. The high school principal and his staff are directing their attention to this problem. While rules and guidelines are necessary for the successful operation of any high school, the high school should not at the same time strangle its effectiveness by its own rules. It is a fact that in the administration of the smaller school of yesteryear a higher degree of informality was possible. All elements of the school were aware of the problems of others and there existed a greater cooperative effort in their resolution. But nostalgia has no place in our report. Mohawk is endeavoring to improve its services and programs and it is specifically seeking out ways to help the individual student who has academic or personal problems that are not resolved by the general overall rules and guidelines.

The year 1971 has seen both teachers and building supervisors actually engaged in developing study guides based on the concept of behavioral objectives. Secondary education, whether it be of the public or private variety, has historically concentrated its effects on trying to implant a body of knowledge in the minds of students. The concept still exists in some schools that the student only becomes educated through the process of absorbing facts. In reality it is equally important that young people know where and how pertinent information can be obtained and along with this they need to be able to develop the skills of making rational and intelligent judgments. The mere possession of facts alone does not cause one to be able to do this. At every opportunity this past year we have endeavored to give increasing responsibilities to students by creating situations where they will be called upon to weigh the evidence and then make individual judgments. In 1971 the school committee adopted two policies which can have a far-reaching effect by increasing the maturity of our student body. The first of these policies related to independent study. Credit for projects and studies outside the regular curriculum offerings shall be granted to pupils toward the requirements for graduation under specified conditions. In summary, such projects involve the cooperation of the pupil, the home, and the school.

The second of these policies involve the enrollment of Mohawk students in accredited colleges and junior colleges before graduation from high school. The policy as voted by the Mohawk Trail Regional School Committee at its meeting on April 14, 1971 stated: "The Committee voted unanimously to allow Mohawk students to attend and earn credits for courses taken at a participating college involved in a cooperative academic program with Mohawk. These credits may be used towards graduation at Mohawk as well as credit toward a baccalaureate degree."

It is no longer possible or desirable to administer a secondary school following the patterns and procedures that were in vogue ten or fifteen years ago. We have begun to have committees at the high school that are composed of both representatives of the student body as well as the faculty. One such body that has been working regularly has been in the area of discipline. This committee meets with the vice-principal and serves as an advisory board in the daily operation of school. We have continued the practice of having student representatives attend school committee meetings and while these students cannot legally vote they nonetheless are given generous opportunity to express their views and convictions. The effective operation of an organization the size of Mohawk is contingent upon the cooperative support of all groups of persons that make up the organization.

In endeavoring to strengthen our instructional program and at the same time not unreasonably increase our operating costs we have

extended the use of teacher aides into the high school. The use of teacher aides has made it possible to free up some of our teachers who had been previously assigned to the supervision of study halls. We are now using the time of these teachers thus released from study halls to assist with tutorial activities amongst youngsters who especially need academic assistance. To the administration and school committee this appears to make good sense. The cost of a teacher aide's time is materially less than that of a teacher, and if you can use the teacher for instructional purposes rather than the supervision of a study hall this appears to be good business.

During this past year the Resource Center at Mohawk has been characterized by significant growth and change. A policy concerning the selection of all print and non-print materials in the Resource Center was approved by the School Committee on August 11, 1971. A Resource Center Council composed of the Director of Instructional Materials Services, the Audio Visual Director, two faculty members and one student was established in September to attend to all matters concerning the selection of materials in the Resource Center. In September Mrs. Elizabeth Connelly as newly appointed Audio Visual Director began the monumental task of organizing all the audio visual material. The audio visual software, i.e., tapes, slides, filmstrips, transparencies, etc., has been centrally relocated in the Resources Center. Employing the Dewey Decimal system of classification, audio visual materials are cataloged in much the same manner as printed material. Emphasis this year is being placed on non-print learning materials. One example of this is a highly organized film program to supplement classroom learning. Films of general interest to the student body are shown daily in the auditorium, while a smaller, more congenial area backstage has been set aside for private class viewing of selected films of a more specialized nature. Faculty members who participate in the free film program to supplement class activity may now assign particular films to be viewed as part of a homework assignment. Included in the area of non-print learning materials are the dial access tape bank units in the library conference room which are now available for students to use in the pursuit of independent study. In keeping with flexible modular scheduling students may use their free time to listen to language tapes, lectures in math or classical music.

The Resource Center has been open one evening a week from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. since January 1971. Attendance and circulation statistics indicate a moderate but growing interest in utilization of the Resource Center and materials after school hours. The effectiveness and efficiency of the Resource Center can be measured by the service it renders to its customers. To better meet the needs of the school community at Mohawk the Resource Center this year has held a series of workshops for faculty members to instruct them in the

uses and capabilities of the materials and equipment available to them. In addition new teachers have had individual conferences with the director concerning their specific subject areas. Finally, a fine group of students has given freely of their time as library assistants and audio visual squad members.

This year the guidance department, the high school administration and this office have made a comprehensive study of the class of 1970. In part the results of this study suggest that we need to review our philosophy and the direction in which we want emphasis within the curriculum. Further, the information from the study would lend support to the contention that we should be doing a better job qualitatively in preparing those students who have evidenced their intention of pursuing further academic training.

Finally, the superintendent expresses his appreciation to the school committee for its dedicated service; to the many loyal members of the organization who have helped during the past year in a multitude of ways to improve the school and to the citizens of our community for their genuine and warm hearted support of Mohawk.

ARTHUR P. SILVESTER
Superintendent of Schools

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1971

	1971 Appropriation	1971 Expenditure	1972 Appropriation
ADMINISTRATION			
Legal Services	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,588.50	\$ 1,000.00
Treasurer's Sal.	1,500.00	1,395.00	1,380.00
Contracted Services	1,327.00	1,279.37	1,580.00
Treasurer's Supplies	500.00	84.09	400.00
Sch. Comm. Expenses	550.00	784.47	450.00
Treasurer's Bond	210.00	205.00	220.00
Newsletter	.....	.....	1,000.00
Supt. & Asst. Supt. Salaries	17,590.00	17,976.42	19,581.00
Clerical Salaries	13,733.00	16,602.42	16,400.00
Contracted Services	1,450.00	717.29	1,600.00
Supt. Office Supplies	4,000.00	4,048.32	3,900.00
Supt.'s Other Expenses	1,360.00	832.01	1,000.00
	<u>\$ 43,720.00</u>	<u>\$ 46,512.89</u>	<u>\$ 48,511.00</u>

INSTRUCTION

Dept. Chairmen	\$ 4,900.00	\$ 4,899.96	\$ 5,000.00
Supervision - Supplies	570.00	544.09	580.00
Supervision - Expenses	3,400.00	2,456.31	400.00
Evaluation/Consultants	.....	.....	500.00
Princ. & Vice-Princ. Sal.	28,600.00	29,025.89	30,216.00
Clerical Salaries	16,173.00	16,006.82	18,780.00
Contracted Services	8,000.00	6,617.13	8,300.00
Princ. Supplies	1,300.00	1,588.01	2,200.00
Princ. Other Expenses	2,250.00	1,504.65	2,750.00
Teachers Salaries	561,350.00	514,623.78	558,514.00
Teacher Aides	8,328.00	7,030.50	15,200.00
Spec. Class Teacher	7,600.00	8,735.33	8,108.00
Home Instruction	2,400.00	1,012.50	2,400.00
Contracted Services	4,000.00	3,455.15	4,000.00
Teaching Supplies	20,000.00	19,819.33	21,000.00
Other Expenses	2,500.00	1,537.72	2,240.00
Special Class Supplies	300.00	297.76	300.00
Spec. Class Oth. Exp.	100.00	37.00	100.00
Textbooks	11,200.00	8,290.25	11,000.00
Textbooks, Sp. Class	435.00	480.23	400.00
Librarian Salary	7,650.00	8,153.25	8,508.00
Library Clerk	3,200.00	3,834.54	3,556.00
Library Supplies	10,000.00	9,317.65	10,000.00
Audio Visual Supplies	5,000.00	4,337.40	5,500.00
Aud. Vis. Spec. Class Supplies	141.00	43.43	300.00
Guidance Salaries	43,616.00	43,202.68	45,618.00
Guidance Clerk	4,789.00	4,509.53	4,900.00
Contracted Services	78.00	170.25	1,516.00
Guidance Supplies	1,500.00	1,132.04	1,650.00
Guidance Oth. Expenses	600.00	295.24	600.00
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	\$759,980.00	\$702,958.42	\$774,136.00

OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES

Attend. Off. Sal.	\$ 75.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Other Expenses	125.00	70.80	63.00
Health Salaries	8,269.00	8,480.66	8,503.00
Nurses' Aide	100.00	.....	100.00
Contracted Services	25.00	.....	25.00
Health Supplies	250.00	174.07	250.00
Other Expenses	100.00	15.00	100.00
Leased Buses - Salaries	3,000.00	2,010.00	3,000.00
Leased Buses - Supplies	1,000.00	648.55	1,000.00
Pupil Transportation Cont.	144,275.00	145,083.25	148,113.00
Adult Transp. Sp. Ed.	.....	4,472.00	7,475.00
Pupil Transp. Field Trips	1,200.00	57.00	1,200.00
Cafeteria Manager Sal.	6,720.00	6,408.63	6,819.00

Athletics	6,500.00	7,667.51	14,250.00
Other Activities	100.00	58.00	100.00
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	\$171,721.00	\$175,245.47	\$191,098.00

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF PLANT

Custodial Salaries	\$ 56,118.00	\$ 53,974.70	\$ 56,214.00
Custodial Supplies	5,000.00	4,683.19	5,825.00
Heat, Supt. Office	400.00	483.76	650.00
Heat, High School	23,500.00	29,280.91	27,000.00
Utilities, Supt. Off.	1,250.00	2,081.91	1,250.00
Utilities, High School	8,000.00	9,435.03	9,000.00
Contract, Grounds	1,500.00	2,420.06	12,500.00
Supplies, Grounds	2,000.00	2,528.37	1,800.00
Supplies, Building	1,000.00	1,248.87	3,200.00
Sch. Equip. Maint. Cont.	1,000.00	878.32	1,000.00
Sch. Equip. Maint. Suppl.	1,745.00	1,588.85	2,000.00
Equip. Maint. Supt's Office	400.00
Sch. Equip. Repairs	3,675.00	3,351.07	3,700.00
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	\$105,188.00	\$111,955.04	\$124,539.00

FIXED CHARGES

Franklin County Retir.	\$ 11,500.00	\$ 12,462.30	\$ 14,500.00
Insurance Supt. Off.	140.00	.....	145.00
Insurance, High School	15,000.00	23,723.50	16,450.00
Rent, Supt. Office	1,080.00	1,170.00	1,080.00
Debt Service Current Loan	7,000.00	3,818.06	8,000.00
32B Health Insurance	9,700.00	10,047.95	15,000.00
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	\$ 44,420.00	\$ 51,221.81	\$ 55,175.00

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Custodial Services	\$ 100.00	\$ 142.68	\$ 100.00
Other Expenses	25.00
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	\$ 125.00	\$ 142.68	\$ 100.00

ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS

Acquisit. of New Equip.			
Supt. Office	\$ 900.00	\$ 924.80	\$ 900.00
Acquis. New Equip. School	6,620.00	19,999.13	6,000.00
Acquis. New Equip. Sp. Class	160.00	269.23	1,500.00
Replacement of Equip.	3,950.00	4,219.70	7,000.00
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	\$ 11,630.00	\$ 25,412.86	\$ 15,400.00

DEBT RETIREMENT AND DEBT SERVICE

Debt Retirement Princ.	\$145,000.00	\$145,000.00	\$145,000.00
Debt Retirement Interest	85,000.00	85,000.00	79,200.00

	<u>\$230,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 230,000.00</u>	<u>\$224,200.00</u>
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TOTALS

	\$1,366,784.00	\$1,343,449.17	\$1,433,159.00
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ATHLETIC REVOLVING FUND

Balance on Hand, Jan. 1	\$ 238.44
Receipts to Date	6,542.82

Total

\$ 6,781.26	\$ 3,882.12	\$ 2,899.14
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BAND REVOLVING FUND

Balance on Hand, Jan. 1	\$ 303.98
Receipts to Date	565.50

Total

\$ 869.48	\$ 626.13	\$ 243.35
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CAFETERIA REVOLVING FUND

Balance on Hand, Jan. 1	\$ 5,542.38
Receipts to Date	60,626.46

Total

\$ 66,168.84	\$ 59,954.99	\$ 6,213.85
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INSTRUCTION

Teacher's Sal. Even. Sch.	\$ 2,490.00	\$ 2,295.00	\$ 2,100.00
Evening Director's Sal.	400.00	225.00	400.00
Evening School Supplies	100.00	881.30	100.00

<u>\$ 2,990.00</u>	<u>\$ 3,401.30</u>	<u>\$ 2,600.00</u>
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TRANSPORTATION

Vocational Day Transp.	\$ 26,050.00	\$ 16,412.98	\$ 29,987.00
Vocational Transp. Contract	6,571.00	4,550.00

<u>\$ 26,050.00</u>	<u>\$ 22,983.98</u>	<u>\$ 34,537.00</u>
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FIXED CHARGES

Rent, Crittenden School	\$ 600.00
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OTHER DISTRICTS

Day, Voc. Tuition	\$ 32,540.00	\$ 27,865.09	\$ 34,100.00
Eve. Voc. Trade Tuition	390.00	61.50	250.00
Eve. Voc. Pract. Arts	300.00	180.00	200.00

<u>\$ 33,230.00</u>	<u>\$ 28,106.59</u>	<u>\$ 34,550.00</u>
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TOTALS

<u>\$ 62,270.00</u>	<u>\$ 54,491.87</u>	<u>\$ 72,287.00</u>
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MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

TREASURER'S REPORT

To: The Mohawk Trail Regional School Committee

From: F. Newton Miller, Treasurer

The details of the financial operation of the Mohawk Trail Regional School District are shown below. Cash on hand at the end of the year increased slightly even though the Commonwealth has only reimbursed for 71% of Transportation and the remainder will be paid in 1972.

January 1, 1971 — Cash on Hand \$ 58,749.65

Received:

Town Assessments	\$ 1,215,262.00
Temporary Loans	890,000.00
Certificate of Deposit	260,000.00

Commonwealth of Mass. Reimbursements

Transportation	98,561.00
School Building Assistance	53,866.06
Special Education Program	5,732.00
Vocational School Aid	21,256.00
Title II	1,255.17
School Lunch Program	18,276.21

Payroll Deductions

Federal Tax	102,683.52
State Tax	26,792.70
Mass. Teachers Retirement	30,782.82
Franklin County Retirement	5,899.54
Franklin County Sch. Empl. Cr. Un.	20,655.40
Washington Insurance	1,604.12
Medical Insurance	9,829.07
Tax Annuities	4,940.87
Teachers Association Dues	2,300.80

Revolving Funds

School Lunch	42,400.25
School Athletics	6,642.82
School Music	565.50

Refunds

	333.87
Interest on Certificates of Deposit	1,195.21
Tuition	1,192.32

Miscellaneous Accounts Receivable	48.85	
Shop Projects	256.01	
Payment of Damages	382.26	
Reimbursement for Insurance	32.51	
Concessions		
New England Telephone	194.54	
Pepsi-Cola	31.17	
Use of Buildings	193.25	
Other Misc. Reimbursements	149.14	
Total Receipts		<u>\$ 2,823,314.98</u>
Total Cash and Receipts		<u>\$ 2,882,064.63</u>

Paid:

Temporary Loans	\$890,000.00
Certificates of Deposit	260,000.00
Debt Retirement and Debt Service	230,000.00
Operations	
Administration	46,512.89
Instruction	702,958.42
Other School Services	175,245.47
Operation and Maintenance Plt.	111,955.04
Fixed Charges	51,254.32
Community Services	142.68
Acquisition of Fixed Assets	25,412.86
Vocational Education	
Transportation	22,983.98
Tuition - Day	27,865.09
Tuition - Evening	61.50
Tuition — Practical Arts	180.00
Evening School	3,401.30
Payroll Deductions	
Federal Tax	102,683.52
State Tax	26,792.70
Mass. Teachers Ret.	30,782.82
Franklin County Ret.	5,899.54
Franklin Cty. Sch. Cr. Union	20,655.40
Washington Insurance	1,604.12
Tax Annuities	4,940.87
Medical Insurance	9,829.07
Teachers Assoc. Dues	2,300.80
Revolving Funds	
School Lunch	60,004.99
School Athletics	3,982.12
School Music	626.13

Title II	1,252.64	
Title V	346.39	
Total Payments		<u>\$ 2,819,674.66</u>
Cash on Hand — January 1, 1972		<u>62,389.97</u>
Total Cash and Payments		<u>\$ 2,882,064.63</u>

Respectfully submitted,

F. NEWTON MILLER, Treasurer

1972 SUMMARY — OPERATING BUDGET

1000	ADMINISTRATION	\$ 48,511.00
2000	INSTRUCTION	774,136.00
3000	OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES	191,098.00
4000	OPERATION OF PLANT	124,539.00
5000	FIXED CHARGES	55,175.00
6000	COMMUNITY SERVICES	100.00
7000	ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS	15,400.00

TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$ 1,208,959.00
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Less Anticipated Reimbursements

From Commonwealth

Transportation	\$149,313.00
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Special Class	9,050.00
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From Surplus	25,000.00
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\$183,363.00	—183,363.00
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To be raised by Member Towns	\$ 1,025,596.00
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ASSESSMENTS ON OPERATING BUDGET

TOWN	1971 No. of Students	Percent of Total	AMOUNT
ASHFIELD	162	15.93%	\$ 163,377.44
BUCKLAND	238	23.40	239,989.46
CHARLEMONT	87	8.55	87,688.46
COLRAIN	187	18.39	188,607.10
HAWLEY	21	2.07	21,229.84
HEATH	49	4.82	49,433.73
PLAINFIELD	37	3.64	37,331.70
ROWE	30	2.95	30,255.08
SHELBURNE	206	20.25	207,683.19
	1,017	100.00%	\$ 1,025,596.00

1972 SUMMARY — CAPITAL BUDGET

TOWN	Per Cents As Per Agreement	AMOUNT
ASHFIELD	11.9%	\$ 20,325.20
BUCKLAND	19.3	32,964.40
CHARLEMONT	9.9	16,909.20
COLRAIN	16.3	27,840.40
HAWLEY	2.7	4,611.60

HEATH	4.3	7,344.40
PLAINFIELD	4.1	7,002.80
ROWE	11.5	19,642.00
SHELBURNE	20.0	34,160.00

TOTALS	100.0%	\$170,800.00
Principal Repayment		\$145,000.00
Interest		79,200.00
		<u>\$224,200.00</u>
Less Construction		
Reimbursement from		
Comm. of Mass.		—53,400.00
		<u>—53,400.00</u>
Balance to be Raised		\$170,800.00

1972 VOCATIONAL BUDGET

	Gfld.	Smith	McCann	Total	Percent	Amount
ASHFIELD		8		8	21.7	\$ 11,366.46
BUCKLAND	2	1		3	8.1	4,242.78
CHARLEMONT	4		1	5	13.5	7,071.30
COLRAIN	5	1	1	7	18.9	9,899.82
HAWLEY	2	2		4	10.8	5,657.04
HEATH	1		2	3	8.1	4,242.78
PLAINFIELD		3		3	8.1	4,242.78
ROWE						
SHELBURNE	2	1	1	4	10.8	5,657.04
	<u>16</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>\$ 52,380.00</u>

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION BUDGET

Mohawk Vocational Evening School	\$ 2,600.00
Transportation	34,537.00
Rent	600.00
Tuition	34,550.00
	<u>—</u>
Vocational Budget	\$ 72,287.00
Anticipated Receipts	—19,907.00
	<u>—</u>
To Be Raised	\$ 52,380.00

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Kenneth Killings

***Annual
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***TOWN OF
ASHFIELD
MASSACHUSETTS***

***For the Year Ending
December 31st***

1972



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MEMORY
OF
WALTER A. WHITNEY
FOR A LIFE TIME OF DEDICATION
TO HIS TOWN AND
FELLOW MAN

YOUTH & MEDIA

MONITORING & REGULATING

THE MEDIA

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Annual Report

OF

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Of The Town Of

ASHFIELD

MASSACHUSETTS



For The Year Ending

1972

TOWN OFFICERS

MODERATOR

LINWOOD B. LESURE

TREASURER

WALTER A. WHITNEY

JANE E. WARD

CLERK

WALTER A. WHITNEY

ELEANOR M. WARD

SELECTMEN, BOARD OF HEALTH

RAYMOND E. WARD, JR.

Term expires 1973

EDWARD W. SCOTT

Term expires 1974

RALPH L. HOWES

Term expires 1975

ASSESSORS

WARREN M. CHASE

Term expires 1973

MALCOLM S. CLARK

Term expires 1974

RALPH L. HOWES

Term expires 1975

SANDERSON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

ROGER B. SCOTT

Term expires 1973

ROBERT S. ROBERTSON

Term expires 1974

DOROTHY D. CRAFT

Term expires 1975

MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

ROBERT S. ROBERTSON

Term expires 1973

CLEMENT H. RECORD

Term expires 1974

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

DOROTHY GRAY

Term expires 1973

ANN LILLY

Term expires 1974

HOPE PACKRD

Term expires 1975

WILLIAM FITZGERALD

Term expires 1976

WALTER A. WHITNEY, JR.

Term expires 1977

FINANCE COMMITTEE

RAYMOND E. WARD, JR.

Term expires 1973

EDWARD W. SCOTT

Term expires 1973

WARREN M. CHASE

Term expires 1973

MALCOLM S. CLARK

Term expires 1973

RALPH L. HOWES

Term expires 1973

PARK COMMISSION

DAVID H. FULLER	Term expires 1973
CLIFTON E. PEASE	Term expires 1974
ARMOND J. LaBELLE, JR.	Term expires 1975

TAX COLLECTOR

JANE E. WARD	Term expires 1973
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CHIEF OF POLICE

WALTER D. ZALENSKI

CONSTABLES

EUGENE POISSANT, JR.	Term expires 1974
NORMAN B. WARD, resigned	Term expires 1974
WALTER D. ZALENSKI	Term expires 1974

AUDITOR

EUGENE R. GODIN

TREE WARDEN and MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

RAMON R. SEARS

PLANNING BOARD

DONALD OUIMETTE	Term expires 1973
CHARLES P. BUCK	Term expires 1974
PAULINE J. NYE	Term expires 1975
RALPH S. PEASE	Term expires 1976
BEATRICE V. HOWES	Term expires 1977

BOARD OF APPEALS

ROBERT P. KING	Term expires June 1973
KENNETH A. LILLY	Term expires June 1974
RALPH E. TOWNSLEY	Term expires June 1975
WALTON F. DATER & O. S. GRUNDEN	Term expires June 1973
CLEMENT H. RECORD	Term expires June 1974

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

PHILIP DATER	Term expires 1973
ARTHUR L. WILLIAMS	Term expires 1974
LINWOOD B. LESURE	Term expires 1975

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

JUNE E. FITZGERALD	C. FOWLER PICKHARDT
PHILIP L. NOLAN, JR.	HOWARD C. BARNES
WALTER A. WHITNEY	ELEANOR M. WARD

SURVEYORS OF WOOD AND LUMBER

DONALD S. GRAVES

DONALD A. BURNETT

FENCE VIEWERS

CHARLES C. GRAY

RUSSELL V. LOOMIS

DOG OFFICER

ROLAND D. TAYLOR

FIELD DRIVERS and POUND KEEPERS

MALCOLM S. CLARK

MERTON HOWES

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

ARTHUR P. SILVESTER

FIRE CHIEF and FOREST WARDEN

ROBERT VAN IDERSTINE

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

WILLIAM R. FITZGERALD

INSPECTOR OF WIRES

DOUGLAS H. NYE

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

RALPH W. GRAVES

BURIAL AGENT

NORMAN PIKE

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Following is the report and some observations from the office of Selectmen to the citizens of Ashfield for the year of 1972.

All decisions from this office and events affecting the Town for the year of 1972 were, in our opinion, completely overshadowed by the illness in late spring and the subsequent death on November 29th of Walter A. Whitney. His many, many years as Clerk and Treasurer for the town and his close association with the Boards of Selectmen and Assessors during that time have provided the continuity needed to maintain the type of town we have today. It's solid financial condition and the congeniality of its various boards and departments, both towards each other and the people of the town are not accidental. They are directly contributable to "Whit's" influence over the years. His belief in the benefits to be had from a well-run small town government and his fervent dedication to see it done are the reasons for the aforementioned benefits we now enjoy. Our lives are certainly the richer for "Whit" having been with us.

Mrs. Eleanor Ward and Mrs. Jane Ward were appointed Assistant Clerk and Treasurer respectively in May by Walter A. Whitney. They held these positions until his death in November, at which time the Selectmen appointed them to their present Temporary positions which will run until the Annual Elections in March. We would like to take this opportunity to say "Thank you" to both for doing such a commendable job at a very difficult time.

While it has been apparent for some time that additional office space was needed, we put off making the change. However, last spring the proverbial bull was grasped by the horns and lo and behold, the Assessors have a new, neat and comfortable room to call their own. While some additions such as shelves, cupboards, etc. will have to be built as time dictates location and size, for all practical purposes, it is ready to use. So, gentlemen, let's hope the new quarters will make your job a little less "confining".

The Highway Department continued to show its expertise in 1972 that we have become accustomed to over the last few years. Both the winter roads, with their unpredictable situations, and the summer road maintenance were handled with very few problems arising. While some of this could be attributable to the increase in funds available for highway work, most of it has to be the human elements of dedication to the job and pride in work well done. For that we say "Thank you, fellas". It makes our job a little easier.

Continuing our policy of the past two years, emphasis has been placed on the upgrading of existing roads, instead of the building of

new ones. This seems to be working out well and so far has the necessary endorsement from the State and County officials involved.

In line with our stated plans in last years Selectmen's Report to periodically replace highway machinery, a New John Deere bucket loader was purchased in early summer of 1972. It is a larger machine than the one it replaced and it gives as dependable service as its predecessor, it should prove to be a wise investment. Time alone will answer that.

We are including in the Annual Warrant an article to obtain money to purchase a new dumptruck for the Highway Department. This is to replace one that is 13 years old and which has unquestionably reached retirement status.

The Ambulance, Fire and Police departments continue to do a fine job of performing their respective duties. As indicated in their reports, they continue to train their personnel and update their equipment to provide the best possible coverage when needed. An article is being included in the Annual Warrant to provide a Telephone-Call-Diverter to be attached to Chief Zalenski's phone which would transfer calls to a previously selected number. This will provide an answer to an emergency call even if the Police Chief was not at home.

The Town of Ashfield, along with all other cities and towns in the Commonwealth, is obliged to change its financial year as directed by the Great and General Court of Massachusetts from its customary calendar year to one which begins July 1st and ends June 30th. This changeover necessitates an eighteen month budget beginning January 1, 1973 and covering the period through June 30, 1974. While this might appear simple at first glance and require an appropriation of 1½ times a regular twelve month budget, it doesn't work that way. That is why there is such a variation among appropriations. As with any change of this magnitude, there are several unanswered questions both at State and Town levels. So, with this in mind, we are asking for your forbearance as we go into this difficult transitional period.

In closing, the Selectmen wish to thank the department heads and their personnel for the fine cooperation given during the past year and ask that it be continued during the coming eighteen months.

EDWARD W. SCOTT
RAYMOND E. WARD, JR.
RALPH L. HOWES
Selectmen of Ashfield

AMBULANCE FUND

Earnings & Gifts for 1971		\$ 1,958.65
Sale of Old Ambulance		225.00
Debit Balance forward from 1971	\$ —65.77	
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		\$ 2,117.88
Ken's Cleaners	\$ 23.30	
Merriam-Graves Corp.	73.10	
Bill's Shoe Repair	6.00	
Postage & Supplies	27.84	
Laundry	2.29	
G.H.P. Publications	5.00	
Ashfield Auto Body	9.00	
Norm's Service Station	15.60	
Gasoline	17.65	
General Electric Co. — Radio	742.18	
Elmer's Store	2.15	
Jeff's Auto Body	12.00	
Massamont Insurance Co.	462.27	
Keyes Hardware	1.69	
Cromco Electronics	30.00	
Baker Pharmacy	3.75	
R. & M. Supplies Inc.	170.00	
Parks Superior Sales, Inc.	9.68	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,613.50
Unexpended Balance Forward to 1973 Account		\$ 504.38

ASHFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Appropriation		\$ 149.40
Brought Forward from 1971		137.82
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		\$ 287.22
Ashfield Historical Society	\$ 287.22	<hr/>

BOARD OF HEALTH

Appropriation		\$ 100.00
Samuel J. Galbo, M.D.	\$ 45.00	\$ 45.00
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Unexpended Balance to General Fund		\$ 55.00

BONDS

Appropriation		\$ 457.00
Massamont Insurance Agency	\$ 457.00	<hr/>

BRIDGES & RAILINGS

Appropriation		\$	200.00
George A. Mayer	\$	14.37	
Labor		80.25	
		<hr/>	\$ 94.62
Unexpended Balance to General Fund		\$	105.38

BUCKET LOADER PURCHASE

Appropriation from Overlay Surplus		\$	15,300.00
(Special Town Meeting, June 27, 1972)			
Bernardston Equipment Sales,			
John Deere Bucket Loader	\$	15,300.00	<hr/>

CARE OF SOLDIERS' GRAVES

Appropriation		\$	175.00
Ashfield Burial Ground Assoc.	\$	175.00	<hr/>

CHAPTER 81

Appropriation		\$	3,900.00
State Allotment			20,751.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund			.06
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		\$	24,651.06

Labor	\$	12,613.70	
Westhampton Sand & Gravel		1,372.50	
A. Linwood Williams — gravel		751.60	
Warner Bros. — patch & gravel		666.50	
Trew Corp.		302.25	
John J. Hudson — tar		1,912.98	
Harold Roberts — gravel		112.80	
Allstate Asphalt, Inc.		1,184.58	
C. W. Ward, Inc.		336.00	
Robert White		180.00	
Town of Plainfield		36.00	
Wm. C. Whitehouse		165.00	
Town Owned Equipment		5,017.15	
		<hr/>	\$ 24,651.06

CHAPTER 90 — CONSTRUCTION

1969

Unexpended Balance as of Dec. 31, 1971		\$	20,807.60
Labor	\$	2,442.90	
Town Owned Equipment		770.90	

C. A. Denison — lumber	36.00	
Bill Willard, Inc. — stone	387.00	
Allstate Asphalt, Inc.	1,183.51	
	<hr/>	\$ 4,820.31

Unexpended Balance forward to 1973		\$ 15,987.29
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CHAPTER 90 — CONSTRUCTION

1970

Unexpended Balance forward to 1973		\$ 29,000.00
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CHAPTER 90 — CONSTRUCTION

1971

Unexpended Balance forward to 1973		\$ 9,000.00
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CHAPTER 90 — CONSTRUCTION

1972

Appropriation		\$ 2,250.00
County Allotment		2,250.00
State Allotment		4,500.00

		\$ 9,000.00
Unexpended Balance forward to 1973		\$ 9,000.00

CHAPTER 90 — MAINTENANCE

Appropriation		\$ 10,000.00
County Allotment		\$ 10,000.00
State Allotment		10,000.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		.74

\$ 30,000.74

Harold Roberts — gravel	\$ 26.40	
Warner Bros. — patch & bit, concrete	1,398.90	
C. W. Ward, Inc.	1,460.00	
Wm. C. Whitehouse — backhoe	231.00	
A. Linwood Williams — gravel	928.00	
All States Asphalt, Inc.	3,715.00	
Robert White	900.00	
John J. Hudson, Inc.	2,669.98	
Town of Plainfield	153.00	
Westhampton Sand & Gravel	1,580.87	
Bill Willard, Inc.	941.04	
Labor	11,210.15	
Town Owned equipment	4,786.40	
	<hr/>	\$ 30,000.74

CHAPTER 497

State Allotment		\$ 7,000.00
Labor	\$ 2,871.25	
William C. Whitehouse	204.00	
Northeast Culvert	2,848.85	
Warner Bros.	139.89	
Robert White	144.00	
C. W. Ward, Inc.	126.00	
Town Owned equipment	303.50	
Wilbraham Trucking Corp.	6.95	
Mass. Correctional Inst.	329.80	
	<hr/>	\$ 6,974.24
Unexpended Balance to General Fund		\$ 25.76

CIVIL DEFENSE

Unexpended Balance Forward from 1971		\$ 100.18
Supplies	\$ 3.60	
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Unexpended Balance forward ot 1973		\$ 96.58

CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR

Appropriation		\$ 300.00
Raymond Reniff	\$ 300.00	<hr/>

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Appropriation		\$ 25.00
Expended	\$ 15.00	15.00
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Unexpended Balance to General Fund		\$ 10.00

DUMP

Appropriation		\$ 6,500.00
Transferred to Workmen's Compensation		
(Special Town Meeting, Dec. 18, 1972)	\$ 319.00	319.00
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		\$ 6,181.00
Wallace Stroheker — Attendant	\$ 4,081.00	
Keyes Hardware	1.49	
C. W. Ward, Inc.	30.00	
Margaret Dean, rent	100.00	
Fill	294.00	
Wallace Stroheker — Plowing	165.00	

Labor	940.30	
	<hr/>	\$ 5,611.79

Unexpended Balance to General Fund		\$ 569.21
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LAND PURCHASE — LANDFILL DUMP

Unexpended Balance forward from 1971		\$ 1,500.00
Wallace Stroheker — Partial payment	\$ 1,000.00	1,000.00
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Unexpended Balance forward to 1973		\$ 500.00

LANDFILL DUMP — SURVEY

Unexpended Balance forward from 1971		\$ 600.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		166.39
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		\$ 766.39
Ainsworth Associates	\$ 766.39	<hr/>

ELECTION OFFICERS

Appropriation		\$ 500.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		168.59
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		\$ 668.59

Donald Fitzgerald	\$ 18.00	
Clement H. Record	92.25	
Walter D. Zalenski	130.06	
Norman N. Nye	85.73	
James J. Ryan, Jr.	27.00	
Philip Dater	27.00	
Walter A. Whitney, Jr.	27.00	
Edward A. Zagrubski	24.83	
Charles L. Williams	24.83	
Gilbert N. Graves	24.83	
John R. Mott	7.50	
Edith M. Ryan	31.50	
Walter Doneilo	36.23	
Philip Steinmetz	12.60	
Eleanor M. Ward	86.63	
Linwood B. Lesure	12.60	
	<hr/>	\$ 668.59

FIRES & EQUIPMENT

Appropriation		\$ 2,345.00
Keyes Hardware	\$ 50.09	
New England Tel.	583.26	

Tri-State Mutual Aid	10.00	
National Fire Protection Assoc.	30.00	
Fire Chief Magazine	7.50	
Donald Lesure	1.25	
H. Marvin Ginn Co.	14.45	
Ashfield Water Co.	7.50	
Elmer's Store	12.57	
Cromco Electronics	117.10	
Frederick Howes	27.00	
Agway, Inc.	21.75	
So. Deerfield Fire Equip.	136.30	
Robert Van Iderstine	40.41	
Charles H. Clougherty	250.34	
W. S. Darley	179.29	
H. A. Cranson & Son	40.00	
Farra Co., Inc.	29.00	
Fire Engineering	8.00	
Carroll Bros., Express	11.10	
Norm's" Service Station	34.16	
Aetna Life Insurance	222.00	
Payroll	470.00	
Merriam-Graves Corp.	12.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,315.07
Unexpended Balance to General Fund		\$ 29.93

HEATING TOWN BUILDING

Appropriation		\$ 800.00
Leo J. Burniske, Inc.	\$ 731.67	\$ 731.67
Unexpended Balance to General Fund		\$ 68.33

HIGHWAY DEPT. — PAID VACATIONS & HOLIDAYS

Appropriation		\$ 2,685.00
Expended	\$ 2,504.25	\$ 2,504.25
Unexpended Balance to General Fund		\$ 180.75

HIGHWAY DEPT. — SICK LEAVE

Appropriation		\$ 1,036.80
Unexpended Balance forward from 1971		610.20
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		\$ 1,647.00
Expended	\$ 368.55	\$ 368.55
Unexpended Balance forward to 1973 Account		\$ 1,278.45

INCIDENTALS

Appropriation		\$ 1,500.00
Mass. Collectors & Treas. Assoc. Dues	\$ 24.00	
Mass. Town Clerk Assoc. Dues	10.00	
Town Clerk's Assoc. Dues	4.00	
Mass. Assessors' Dues	21.00	
Franklin County Selectmen's Dues	15.00	
Franklin County Board of Health Dues	6.00	
Mass. Selectmen's Assoc. Dues	75.00	
Water Resources Research Center	1.75	
Ashfield Girl Scouts — Town Report delivery	25.00	
Mass. Director of Accounts	5.00	
Ashfield Water Co.	15.00	
Frederick Howes	2.00	
Commonwealth of Mass.	35.00	
A. LaFond Co.	130.55	
Conway National Bank	15.00	
Selectmen & Bd. of Health Meetings —		
Travel Expense	87.10	
Assessors' Meetings — Travel Expense	43.20	
F. C. Registry of Deeds	1.50	
Miscellaneous Exp.	4.40	
Stoddard, Ball & Bartlett — Town Counsel	678.06	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,221.56
Unexpended Balance to General Fund		\$ 278.44

INSPECTION OF ANIMALS

Appropriation		\$ 125.00
William R. Fitzgerald	\$ 125.00	<hr/>

INSURANCE ON TOWN BUILDINGS & EQUIPMENT

Appropriation		\$ 3,700.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		92.40
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		\$ 3,792.40
Massamont Insurance Agency	\$ 3,792.40	<hr/>

INTEREST ON ANTICIPATION LOAN

Appropriation from Overlay Surplus		\$ 649.93
(Special Town Meeting, December 18, 1972)		
Expended	\$ 649.93	

LIFE GUARD & SWIMMING INSTRUCTION

Appropriation		\$ 1,150.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		90.60
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		\$ 1,240.60
Suzanne Short	\$ 453.60	
Joseph Mislak	787.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,240.60

MACHINERY EXPENSE

Transferred from 1971 Machinery Earnings	\$ 4,482.30
Transferred Balance of 1971 Machinery Expense Acc't.	1,734.22
Transferred from 1972 Machinery Earnings	5,000.00
(Special Town Meeting, December 18, 1972)	
Appropriation from Overlay Surplus	7,000.00
(Special Town Meeting December 18, 1972.	

\$ 18,216.52

C. W. Ward, Inc.	\$ 633.95
Leo J. Burniske, Inc.	3,340.97
Western Mass. Electric Co.	105.92
New England Tel. Co.	124.27
Interstate Equip., Inc. — Grader parts	3,484.80
Petrin Motor Sales	6.35
Norm's Service Station	82.01
Samuel Davis	505.00
Sears & Roebuck	431.94
Ashfield Motor Sales	60.80
Roman R. Skibiski	15.00
Ashfield Auto Body	169.80
Laurence Baum	262.37
Sweeney Ford Sales	43.24
Shelburne Falls Garage	154.14
Spencer Bros.	86.21
Foster & Co.	183.04
I. Kramer & Son	24.81
Franklin Auto Supply	19.16
Denison Lumber	36.00
Ralph Whiteman	165.08
Graves Equipment	1,460.72
Dalton Tractor	112.10
William Gray	134.55
Agway, Inc.	45.88
L. Stockwell	14.78
Harrison Raymond	6.75
Tri-County Contractors	350.85

Central Auto Body	175.60	
Peter Dahlquist	39.50	
Ferrara Springs & Parts	11.20	
ASAP Electrical Radios	343.85	
Ralph Pease	45.98	
Lewis Armature Service	27.16	
Cowan Auto Supply	10.12	
Avery Machine Co.	36.90	
Premier Fastener Co.	196.75	
Day's Store	.98	
H. B. Allen, Inc.	225.35	
Keyes Hardware	44.60	
Share Corp.	124.96	
Robert Ormond	209.31	
Gasoline — travel expense	10.90	
Gulf Oil Corp.	263.85	
Labor	2,001.80	
Bernardston Equipment Sales	109.24	
Dyer Sales & Machine Co. — Broom	1,875.00	
Newhouse Automotive Sales	38.50	
Art's Tire Service	228.60	
Ashfield Water Co.	9.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 18,089.64
Unexpended Balance forward to 1973 Account		\$ 126.88

MEMORIAL DAY

Appropriation		\$ 200.00
Veterans' Service Center — flags	\$ 26.00	
Doris Howes — geraniums	32.00	
American Legion Aux., Ashfield	25.00	
Mohawk Trail Regional School — band	100.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 183.00
Unexpended Balance to General Fund		\$ 17.00

MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL CAPITAL AND OPERATING

Appropriation		\$195,069.10
Expended	\$195,069.10	<hr/>

DISTRICT NURSE — ASHFIELD SHARE

Appropriation		\$ 2,100.00
Salary	\$ 1,535.84	
Mileage & Supplies	314.66	

Office Rental — Town of Sunderland	80.00	
Barbara Zalenski, typing	6.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,936.50

Unexpended Balance to General Fund	\$ 163.50
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OFFICE EXPENSE

Appropriation	\$ 2,750.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund	157.08

\$ 2,907.08

Hobbs & Warren	\$ 122.57	
Postage & Supplies	68.30	
Eleanor Ward — typing, secretarial	1,474.00	
Jane Ward — supplies	30.00	
Barrett & Baker	18.40	
InterTec Publishers	5.10	
Mobile Home Report	10.00	
New England Telephone	225.30	
E. A. Hall — Stationery	162.75	
Print Shop	27.50	
Joseph Mooney	16.00	
Ashfield Post Office — Envelopes, stamped	459.00	
Western Mass. Electric Co.	65.34	
Burroughs Corp.	27.60	
Warren Chase, Expenses	15.38	
Franklin County Registry of Deeds	123.05	
Mass. Director of Accounts	5.00	
Greenfield Recorder-Gazette — Public notices	51.79	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,907.08

TOWN OFFICE ADDITION

Appropriation from Free Cash	\$ 3,000.00
(Special Town Meeting, June 27, 1972)	

Ralph Pease — carpentry	\$ 918.54
Desk & Chair	59.95
Robert H. Nye — electric work	100.20
William Gray — painting	401.27

\$ 1,479.96

Unexpended Balance forward to 1973 Account	\$ 1,520.04
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PAINTING OF SANDERSON ACADEMY

Appropriation (Frederick Cross Fund)	\$ 1,800.00
William Gray	\$ 1,327.25

Maurice Day	445.00	
Returned Balance to Frederick Cross Fund	27.75	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,800.00

PARK & BEACH MAINTENANCE

Appropriation		\$ 600.00
Keyes Hardware	\$ 51.76	
C. W. Ward, Inc. — sand	45.00	
New England Telephone	54.59	
Labor — mowing	28.35	
Suzanne Short	64.80	
Joseph Mislak	8.00	
Western Mass. Electric Co.	20.07	
	<hr/>	\$ 272.57
Unexpended Balance to General Fund		\$ 327.43

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation		\$ 1,500.00
Forbes Camera Shop	\$ 15.58	
Barrett & Baker	18.80	
Payroll & Mileage	291.00	
Framingham Civil Service School	4.50	
Sawyer News	2.69	
Hawills Equipment	5.05	
Int. Assoc. Chiefs of Police	12.00	
Morgan Insurance Agency	99.00	
Sentry Uniform & Equip Co.	65.22	
Fairbrother Radio Service	25.00	
Ashfield Post Office	46.20	
ASAP Electronics	221.46	
New England Telephone	205.79	
Samuel Davis — tires	58.00	
Norm's Service Station	65.12	
Share Corp.	5.62	
Shelburne Falls Garage	218.32	
Cromco Electronics	71.15	
Keyes Hardware	6.98	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,437.48
Unexpended Balance to General Fund		\$ 62.52

POLICE CHIEF

Appropriation		\$ 3,800.00
Walter D. Zalenski	\$ 3,800.00	

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Appropriation		\$	500.00
Howard C. Barnes	\$	55.00	
June E. Fitzgerald		75.00	
Philip F. Nolan, Jr.		75.00	
C. Fowler Pickhardt Estate		50.00	
Eleanor M. Ward — Rgeistrar & Street Lists	117.50		
Janine Graves — Street Lists	46.80		
Ruth Rice — printed forms	18.00		
Barrett & Baker — stencils	17.70		
		<hr/>	\$ 455.00
Unexpended Balance to General Fund			<hr/> \$ 45.00

RENT OF HYDRANTS

Appropriation		\$	375.00
Ashfield Water Co.	\$	375.00	<hr/>

FRANKLIN COUNTY RETIREMENT SYSTEM — MAINTENANCE

Appropriation		\$	7,762.40
Expended	\$	7,762.40	<hr/>

STREET LIGHTS

Appropriation		\$	1,950.00
New Street Light Appropriation @ Rte. 116 & Pleasant			50.00
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		\$	2,000.00
Western Mass. Electric Co.	\$	1,969.68	\$ 1,969.68
Unexpended Balance to General Fund			<hr/> \$ 30.32

TOWN HALL

Appropriation		\$	2,000.00
Western Mass. Electric Co.	\$	355.74	
Dept. of Public Safety		25.00	
Douglas Cranson — janitor		324.00	
H. A. Cranson & Son — plowing		20.00	
Keyes Hardware		44.39	
R. H. Nye		59.80	
Ashfield Water Co.		15.00	
So. Deerfield Fire Euip. Co.		6.00	
Linwood Williams — repairs on chairs		58.75	
William Gray — painting & roof repairs		352.50	
		<hr/>	\$ 1,261.18
Unexpended Balance to General Fund			<hr/> \$ 738.82

TOWN OFFICERS

Appropriation		\$ 6,100.00
Linwood B. Lesure, Moderator	\$ 20.00	
Edward W. Scott, Selectman	500.00	
Ralph L. Howes, Selectman & Assessor	900.00	
Raymond E. Ward, Jr., Selectman	500.00	
Jane E. Ward, Collector & Treasurer	1,112.50	
Malcolm S. Clark, Assessor	400.00	
Warren M. Chase, Assessor	400.00	
Robert Van Iderstine, Fire Chief	350.00	
Roland D. Taylor, Dog Officer	20.00	
Eugene R. Godin, Auditor	20.00	
Roger B. Scott, School Committee	150.00	
Dorothy D. Craft, School Committee	150.00	
Robert S. Robertson, School Committee	150.00	
Walter A. Whitney, Town Clerk & Treasurer	825.00	
Eleanor M. Ward, Town Clerk	412.50	
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		\$ 5,910.00
Unexpended Balance to General Fund		<hr/>
		\$ 90.00

TOWN REPORTS & BALLOTS

Appropriation		\$ 1,562.30
E. A. Hall & Co., Inc. — printing	\$ 1,562.30	<hr/>

TREE WARDEN

Appropriation		\$ 1,200.00
Ramon Sears	\$ 397.50	
John Meehan	132.00	
Thomas Smith	17.50	
Arthur Williams	136.00	
Cotton Tree Service	490.00	
William McGoldrick	4.50	
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		\$ 1,177.50
Unexpended Balance to General Fund		<hr/>
		\$ 22.50

VETERANS' BENEFITS

Appropriation		\$ 2,000.00
Appropriation from Overlay Surplus		1,300.00
(Special Town Meeting, December 18, 1972)		
Transferred from Reserve Fund		302.43
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		\$ 3,602.43
Expended	\$ 3,602.43	<hr/>

VETERANS' CENTER — MAINTENANCE

Appropriation		\$ 1,150.00
Veterans' Center	\$ 1,149.00	\$ 1,149.00
Unexpended Balance to General Fund		\$ 1.00

WINTER ROADS

Appropriation		\$ 25,000.00
Spencer Bros.	\$ 7.43	
H. B. Allen, Inc.	165.34	
Ralph Graves — bearings	7.18	
Tri-County Supply	110.00	
Ralph Whiteman — blades	343.97	
Shelburne Falls Garage	48.39	
Cowan Auto Supply	2.18	
C. W. Ward, Inc.	2,158.13	
William Whitehouse	98.00	
Wholesale Distributors — chains & parts	808.65	
Payrolls	17,716.95	
International Salt Co.	351.27	
Keyes Hardware	47.46	
Franklin Auto	2.42	
David Richardson	24.00	
Lawrence Baum	76.37	
A. Linwood Williams — sand	317.75	
Leo J. Burniske, Inc.	2,298.38	
Norm's Service Station	12.10	
I. Kramer & Son	135.08	
Share Corp.	55.80	
Foster & Co. — hardware	107.37	
		\$ 24,894.22
Unexpended Balance to General Fund		\$ 105.78

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION

Appropriation		\$ 2,000.00
Transferred from Dump Appropriation		319.00
(Special Town Meeting, December 18, 1972)		
		\$ 2,319.00
Massamont Insurance Agency	\$ 2,319.00	

RESERVE FUND

Appropriation		\$ 2,000.00
Chapter 81	\$.06	

Chapter 90 Maintenance	.74	
Landfill Dump Survey	166.39	
Election Officers	168.59	
Insurance on Town Buildings	92.40	
Life Guard & Swimming Instruction	90.60	
Office Expense	157.08	
Veterans' Benefits	302.43	
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		\$ 978.29
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Unexpended Balance to Overlay Surplus		\$ 1,021.71

SUMMARY OF SELECTMEN'S ORDERS

Abatements — Motor Vehicle	\$ 948.06
Abatements — Real Estate	525.00
Ambulance Fund	1,613.50
Ashfield Historical Society	287.22
Blue Cross-Blue Shield Deductions	1,481.82
Board of Health	45.00
Bonds	457.00
Bridges & Railings	105.38
Bucket Loader Purchase	15,300.00
Care of Soldiers' Graves	175.00
Chapter 81 Roads	24,651.06
Chapter 90 Roads — Construction 1969	4,820.31
Chapter 90 Roads — Maintenance	30,000.74
Chapter 497 — Highway Fund	6,974.24
Charity	205.00
Civil Defense	3.60
Civil Defense Director	300.00
Commonwealth of Massachusetts:	
Motor Vehicle State Assessment	156.00
Pioneer Valley Air Pollution District	107.74
State Assessment System	50.96
State Recreation Areas	2,485.68
Conservation Commission	15.00
Demands — Tax Collector	378.00
Dog Licenses — Treasurer, Franklin County	486.20
Dog Officer — Expenses	44.00
Dump	5,611.79
Landfill Dump — Land Purchase	1,000.00
Landfill Dump — Survey	766.39
Election Officers	668.59
Fires & Equipment	2,315.07

William Hathaway Fund	20.00
Heating — Town Buildings	731.67
Highway Dept. — Paid Vacations & Holidays	2,504.25
Highway Dept. — Sick Leave	368.55
Incidentals	1,221.56
Income: M.M. Belding Library	113.15
Cemetery Fund	172.69
Fred Cross Library	263.99
Inspection of Animals	125.00
Insurance on Town Buildings & Equipment	3,792.40
Lifeguard & Swimming Instruction	1,240.60
Loans & Interest	100,649.93
Machinery Expense	18,,089.64
Memorial Day	183.00
Mohawk Trail Regional School	195,069.10
Nurse — Ashfield Share	1,936.50
Office Expense	2,907.08
Office Addition	1,479.96
Painting — Sanderson Academy	1,800.00
Parks & Beach	272.57
Police Department	1,437.48
Police Chief's Salary	3,800.00
Registrars of Voters	455.00
Rent of Hydrants	375.00
Retirement System — Deductions	3,882.34
Retirement System — Maintenance	7,762.40
Street Lights	1,969.68
Taxes: Franklin County Tax	20,793.98
Federal Withholding Tax	24,553.55
State Withholding Tax	5,939.63
Town Hall	1,261.18
Town Officers	5,910.00
Town Reports & Ballots	1,562.30
Tree Warden	1,177.50
Veterans' Benefits	3,602.43
Veterans' Center — Maintenance	1,149.00
Winter Roads	24,894.22
Workmen's Compensation	2,319.00
TOTAL	\$547,753.92

EDWARD W. SCOTT

RAYMOND E. WARD, JR.

RALPH L. HOWES

Selectmen of Ashfield

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1972

	Taxation	Available Funds
Ambulance Maintenance Fund — Transfer		
1971 Earnings & Gifts	\$1,958.65	
1971 Balance Forward, Debit	-65.77	
Sale of Old Ambulance	225.00	
		\$ 2,117.88
Ashfield Historical Society — Refund	\$ 149.40	
Board of Health	100.00	
Bonds	457.00	
Bridges & Railings	200.00	
Care of Soldiers' Graves	175.00	
Chapter 81	3,900.00	
Chapter 90 — Construction	2,250.00	
Chapter 90 — Maintenance	10,000.00	
Chapter 497 — Highway Fund	7,000.00	
Civil Defense Director	300.00	
Conservation Commission	25.00	
Dump	1,500.00	5,000.00
Election Officers	500.00	
Financing Highway Grants (Free Cash)		20,000.00
Fires & Equipment	2,345.00	
Heating — Town Buildings	800.00	
Highway Dept. — Paid Vacations & Holidays	2,685.00	
Highway Dept. — Sick Leave	1,036.80	
Incidentals	1,500.00	
Inspection of Animals	125.00	
Insurance on Town Buildings & Equipment	700.00	3,000.00
Lifeguard & Swimming Instruction	1,150.00	
Machinery Expense Acc't. — Transfer		
Balance of 1971 Earnings	\$4,482.30	
Balance of 1971 Mach. Exp.	1,734.22	
		6,216.52
Memorial Day	200.00	
Nurse — Ashfield Share	2,100.00	
Office Expenses	2,750.00	
Painting — Portion of Sanderson Academy (Cross Fund)		1,800.00
Parks & Beach	600.00	
Police Department	1,500.00	
Police Chief	3,800.00	
Registrars of Voters	500.00	

Rent of Hydrants	375.00	
Reserve Fund (Overlay Surplus)		2,000.00
Retirement System, Franklin County	2,762.40	5,000.00
Schools: Ashfield Public Schools	191,043.69	
Mohawk Trail Regional — Capital & Operating	195,069.10	
Street Lights	1,950.00	
New Street Light	50.00	
Town Hall	2,000.00	
Town Officers	6,100.00	
Town Reports & Ballots	1,562.30	
Tree Warden	1,200.00	
Veterans' Benefits	2,000.00	
Veterans' Center — Maintenance	1,150.00	
Winter Roads	25,000.00	
Workmen's Compensation		2,000.00
Town Meeting — March 4, 1972		
TOTALS	\$478,610.69	\$ 47,134.40

	Taxation	Available Funds
SPECIAL MEETINGS:		
June 27, 1972		
Bucket Loader for Highway Dept. — Appropriation from Overlay Surplus		\$ 15,300.00
Town Office Addition — Appropriation from Free Cash		3,000.00
December 18, 1972		
Machinery Expense Account — Transfer from 1972 Machinery Earnings Appropriation from Overlay Surplus		5,000.00 7,000.00
Interest on Temporary Loans — Appropriation from Overlay Surplus		649.93
Workmen's Compensation — Transfer from Dump		319.00
Veterans' Benefits — Appropriation from Overlay Surplus		1,300.00
TOTALS	\$478,610.69	\$ 79,703.33

BOARD OF ASSESSORS' REPORT

As of January 1, 1972, the Board added about \$1,146,000 or 14.6 percent, to the real estate base of Ashfield. The total addition during the six years between January 1, 1966, date of the major revaluation, and January 1, 1972, became thus about \$4,349,000, or 93.5 percent. During 1972 there were 70 "arms-length" real property transfers, raising the total of such transfers, 1963 to 1972 inclusive, the years of rapidly advancing sales prices, to 516, or an average of 51.6 per year. The 70 transfers cost the purchasers a total of \$1,390,282, or about 15.4 percent of the total real estate base (\$8,999,000) as of January 1, 1972.

During 1972 the Board found time to complete 8 or 10 more cost analyses of dwellings and outbuildings, raising the total of such completions to about 200.

In 1972 the average price (\$210) per acre paid for large tracts (more than 25 acres) of vacant, unimproved land did not come up to the 1971 average (\$240). This seeming anomaly probably is merely a temporary reaction to the excessively advancing prices for such tracts during 1970 and 1971.

Year of Sale

	Acres (Average price per acre)			
	1½ to 4½	5 to 9.9	10 to 24.9	25 or more
1972	\$936	\$613	\$534	\$210

Year	Valuations *			Tax Assessed *	
	Real Estate	Personal Property	Total	Tax Rate	Total Real & Personal Property **
1963	1,290	308	1,598	70	112.5
1965	1,472	297	1,769	84	148.6
1966	4,650	638	5,288	29	153.4
1968	5,559	795	6,354	37	235.1
1970	6,985	871	7,856	37	290.7
1971	7,853	1,123	8,976	36	323.1
1972	8,999	1,162	10,161	30	304.8

* Thousand of dollars

** Other than Farm Animal & Machinery

The following table illustrates the annual results of exemption (Clause 41) of real estate tax in cases of certain persons 70 years and older:

<i>Year</i>	<i>No. of Exemptions</i>	<i>R. E. Valuation Exempted</i>	<i>Percentage of Total R.E. Valuation Base</i>	<i>Total Tax Abated</i>
1964	25	\$ 47,600	3.4	\$3,903
1966	29	226,908	4.9	6,583
1968	31	253,514	4.6	9,380
1970	23	198,000	2.8	7,336
1972	17	177,870	2.0	5,336

Respectfully submitted,

WARREN M. CHASE

RALPH L. HOWES

MALCOLM S. CLARK

Assessors of Ashfield

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

1967	Personal Property Taxes		
	Outstanding January 1, 1972	\$	6.80
	Payments to treasurer		6.80
1967	Real Estate Taxes		
	Outstanding January 1, 1972		78.20
	Outstanding December 31, 1972		78.20
1968	Personal Property Taxes		
	Outstanding January 1, 1972		511.13
	Payments to treasurer	277.50	
	Abatements	66.60	
	Outstanding December 31, 1972	47.91	
			392.01
1968	Real Estate Taxes		
	Outstanding January 1, 1972		511.13
	Payments to treasurer		511.13
1969	Personal Property Taxes		
	Outstanding January 1, 1972		379.28
	Payments to treasurer	328.58	
	Outstanding December 31, 1972	50.70	
			379.28

1969	Real Estate Taxes		
	Outstanding January 1, 1972		1,062.17
	Payments to treasurer	1,017.64	
	Outstanding December 31, 1972	44.53	
		<hr/>	1,062.17
1970	Personal Property Taxes		
	Outstanding January 1, 1972		1,035.07
	Payments to treasurer	665.46	
	Outstanding December 31, 1972	369.61	
		<hr/>	1,035.07
1970	Real Estate Taxes		
	Outstanding January 1, 1972		5,035.36
	Payments to treasurer	3,172.38	
	Outstanding December 31, 1972	1,862.98	
		<hr/>	5,035.36
1971	Personal Property Taxes		
	Outstanding January 1, 1972		2,532.96
	Payments to treasurer	2,161.08	
	Outstanding December 31, 1972	371.88	
		<hr/>	2,532.96
1971	Real Estate Taxes		
	Outstanding January 1, 1972		25,525.49
	Payments to treasurer	19,343.79	
	Outstanding December 31, 1972	6,181.70	
		<hr/>	25,525.49
1972	Personal Property Taxes		
	Commitment 1972		34,847.10
	Payments to treasurer	32,779.80	
	Abatements	21.00	
	Outstanding December 31, 1972	2,046.30	
		<hr/>	34,847.10
1972	Real Estate Taxes		
	Commitment 1972	269,957.70	
	Refunds	525.00	
		<hr/>	270,482.70
	Payments to treasurer	241,958.22	
	Abatements	6,727.55	
	Outstanding December 31, 1972	21,466.33	
	Due from collector	330.60	
		<hr/>	270,482.70
1968	Motor Vehicle Excise		
	Outstanding January 1, 1972		397.11
	Payments to treasurer	111.90	
	Outstanding December 31, 1972	285.21	
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1969	Motor Vehicle Excise		
	Outstanding January 1, 1972		215.34
	Payments to treasurer	46.60	
	Abatements	12.38	
	Outstanding December 31, 1972	156.36	
			<hr/> 215.34
1970	Motor Vehicle Excise		
	Outstanding January 1, 1972		1,014.38
	Payments to treasurer	319.90	
	Abatements	19.25	
	Outstanding December 31, 1972	675.23	
			<hr/> 1,014.38
1971	Motor Vehicle Excise		
	Outstanding January 1, 1972	5,766.25	
	Commitments	7,413.66	
	Refunds	586.73	
	To be refunded	18.50	
			<hr/> 13,785.14
	Payments to treasurer	9,871.09	
	Abatements	2,224.42	
	Outstanding December 31, 1972	1,689.63	
			<hr/> 13,785.14
1972	Motor Vehicle Excise		
	Commitments 1972	23,520.59	
	Refunds	361.33	
	To be refunded	8.70	
			<hr/> 23,890.62
	Payments to treasurer	15,734.89	
	Abatements	1,796.16	
	Outstanding December 31, 1972	6,349.67	
	Cash balance December 31, 1972	9.90	
			<hr/> 23,890.62
1970	Farm Excise		
	Outstanding January 1, 1972		118.00
	Payments to treasurer		118.00
1971	Farm Excise		
	Outstanding January 1, 1972		373.35
	Payments to treasurer		373.35
1972	Farm Excise		
	Commitment 1972		2,780.33
	Payments to treasurer	2,179.28	
	Outstanding December 31, 1972	601.05	
			<hr/> 2,780.33

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

1972	Name	Parents
JANUARY		
21—	Kenneth Raymond Shippee	Raymond C. and Sharon P. (Coates) Shippee
29—	Owa Gillian Brandstein	Lawrence Z. and Marcine (Appel) Brandstein
MARCH		
3—	Brewster Warren Holmes	Evan W. and Lydia W. (Withington) Holmes
8—	Raymond Robert Atherton	Paul D. and Margaret E. (Wickline) Atherton
APRIL		
1—	Douglas Dayle Edwards	
1—	Debora Dawn Edwards	Gayle M. and Deanne T. (Brochu) Edwards
MAY		
24—	Carolyn Jean Lanoue	Silbert R., Jr. and Cheryl D. (Ward) Lanoue
AUGUST		
3—	Ingrid Ann Phelps	Nicholas G. and Patricia A. (Arvidson) Phelps
5—	Eric Matthew DuPree	Jeffrey A. and Julia (Hine) DuPree
9—	Seth Thomas Cranston	Thomas G. and Cynthia H. (Graves) Cranston
29—	Luke Doyle	Robert T., Jr. and Helen E. (McCloskey) Doyle
29—	Debra Anne Faufaw	Donald A., Jr. and Cheryl A. (Burnett) Faufaw

SEPTEMBER

26—Mary Louise Lamoureux
Donald J. and Rita B. (St. Cyr.) Lamoureux

27—Kimberly Ann Tatro
Joseph C. and Deborah J. (Roberts) Tatro

OCTOBER

16—Heather Althea Clark
Aaron W. and Jacqueline A. (Coe) Clark

NOVEMBER

30—John Walter Gancarz
John A. and Eleanor M. (Doneilo) Gancarz

DECEMBER

15—Lyn Ann Cranson
Richard D. and Barbara A. (Niedjela) Cranson
(Errors or omissions should be reported to the Town Clerk)

MARRIAGES

1972

JANUARY

9—Paul Neil Cohen Ashfield, Mass.	Kathy Blackburn Ashfield, Mass.
29—Donald G. Wood, III Shelburne Falls, Mass.	Lindsay A. Holmes Ashfield, Mass.

MARCH

10—John A. Gancarz North Adams, Mass.	Eleanor M. Doneilo Ashfield, Mass.
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MAY

6—Bruce C. Dickinson Ashfield, Mass.	Debra Lee Brooks Buckland, Mass.
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JUNE

3—Kenneth C. Wall Buckland, Mass.	Susan Lanoue Ashfield, Mass.
10—Russell V. Loomis, Jr. Ashfield, Mass.	Christine A. Bruffee Buckland, Mass.

12—Aaron W. Clark
Ashfield, Mass.

Jacqueline A. Coe
Greenfield, Mass.

24—Thomas H. Schreiber
Ashfield, Mass.

Shirley J. Sweet
Lexington, Mass.

JULY

1—Robert K. Kuhns
Ashfield, Mass.

Barbara E. Viehmann
Ashfield, Mass.

AUGUST

11—Joseph Charles Tatro
Ashfield, Mass.

Deborah Jean Roberts
Plainfield, Mass.

15—Michael R. Piurek
Ashfield, Mass.

Nancy J. Parisi
Ashfield, Mass.

SEPTEMBER

9—Charles T. O'Donnell
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Joan W. Howes
Hanover, N. H.

OCTOBER

7—Stanley R. Clark
Buckland, Mass.

Wallis E. Schneider
Ashfield, Mass.

14—Stephen W. Greenman
Ashfield, Mass.

Diane Marlene Call
Ashfield, Mass.

20—Alan J. Guditis
Ashfield, Mass.

Darlene A. Burnett
Ashfield, Mass.

DECEMBER

9—Edward R. Fuller
Ashfield, Mass.

Maureen J. Fitzpatrick
Newtonville, Mass.

30—Walter Richard Hall
Ashfield, Mass.

Meredith Ann Fields
Concord, Mass.

DEATHS

1972	Name	Yrs.	Mos.	Days
JANUARY				
16—	Frederick J. Bartschi	92	7	14
26—	Ethel Maria (Roberts) Harris	95	1	29

FEBRUARY

17—Karl Schneider	49	2	28
25—Philip R. Damon	71	11	0

APRIL

12—Mary (Rox) Gowash	86	0	0
15—Mary Louise (Degraff) Lamoureux	68	7	3
16—Robert Bakst	25	2	0
17—Michael Peter Kveitkauskas	92	0	4

MAY

4—Emile Hamelin	71	10	16
17—Phyllis (Pierce) Niedzwilcki	58	11	21
17—Estella May (Crosby) Carter	85	3	0
21—Walton Ferguson Dater, Sr.	72	8	11
21—Ruth Helen (Wyatt) Merrill	72	4	26

JUNE

4—Barbara Graves (Miller) Fuller	59	4	2
13—Eliza J. Reeves	80	3	26
20—Clara (McCormick) Bandlow	88	0	0
28—Stephen Krasnoselsky	86	2	12

JULY

24—Elizabeth V. Hannigan	85	11	27
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AUGUST

19—Leo H. Parker	80	1	7
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SEPTEMBER

1—Philip Henry Wilder	88	0	2
12—Frederick I. Germain	73	9	10
18—Frank Edward Carter	72	2	14

NOVEMBER

20—Alfhild (Andersen) Osterhus	90	3	15
25—Charles Fowler Pickhardt Sr.	59	11	10
29—Walter A. Whitney, Sr.	80	1	5

DECEMBER

25—Paul Giles McCaslin	88	0	5
28—Matthew Walsh	86	11	29
30—John Michalak	83	1	11

BALLOTING

	<i>Registered Voters</i>	<i>Votes Cast</i>
Annual Town Meeting, March 4, 1972	625	106
Presidential Primary, April 25, 1972	669	181
State Primary, September 19, 1972	712	246
Presidential and State Election, November 7, 1972	784	657

DOG LICENSES ISSUED

81 Male	@ \$ 3.00	\$ 243.00	
16 Female	6.00	96.00	
52 Spayed Female	3.00	156.00	
8 Kennel	10.00	80.00	
		—————\$	575.00
Paid Town Treasurer		\$ 520.05	
Fees Retained		54.95	
		—————\$	575.00

FISH AND GAME LICENSES ISSUED

11 Resident Citizen Sporting (over 70)			Free
3 Resident Military-Naval Sporting			Free
72 Resident Citizen Fishing	@ \$ 5.25	\$ 378.00	
27 Resident Citizen Hunting	5.25	141.75	
17 Resident Citizen Hunting	8.25	140.25	
85 Resident Citizen Sporting	8.25	701.25	
16 Resident Citizen Minor Fishing	3.25	52.00	
17 Resident Citizen Female Fishing	4.25	72.25	
3 Resident Citizen Trapping	8.75	26.25	
11 Special Non-Resident Fishing	5.25	57.75	
15 Non-Resident Citizen Fishing	9.75	146.25	
1 Non-Resident Citizen Hunting	16.25	16.25	
1 Non-Resident Citizen Hunting (Small game)	20.25	20.25	
1 Non-Resident Citizen Hunting (Big game)	35.25	35.25	
3 Duplicates	.50	1.50	
1 Duplicate	1.00	1.00	
5 Archery Deer Stamps	1.10	5.50	
3 Archery Deer Stamps	5.10	15.30	
		—————\$	1,810.00
Paid Division of Fisheries & Game		\$ 1,743.50	
Fees Retained		67.30	
		—————\$	1,810.80

Respectfully submitted,

ELEANOR M. WARD,

Temporary Clerk

FINANCIAL REPORT OF BELDING MEMORIAL LIBRARY

January 1, 1972 to January 1, 1973

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand January 1, 1972	\$ 2,293.63	
Belding dividend	3,238.59	
Fees and fines	25.87	
Book and old clock sales	22.00	
Gifts	125.00	
		\$ 5,705.09

EXPENDITURES

Salaries and services	\$ 1,921.50	
Books, magazines and supplies	803.88	
Insurance	174.00	
Repairs and improvements	425.21	
Telephone and lights	316.87	
Fuel	383.16	
Water	9.00	
Safe deposit box rent	5.00	
Desk fund	10.00	
		\$ 4,048.62
Balance on January 1, 1973		1,656.47
		\$ 5,705.09

LIBRARY SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

Conway Savings Bank	\$ 2,090.30
Franklin County Trust Co.	489.57
Franklin Savings Institution	471.54
Greenfield Savings Bank	4,027.81
Northampton Institution for Savings	1,297.24
Shelburne Falls Savings Bank	911.44

Respectfully submitted,

HOPE PACKARD, *Treasurer*

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

Circulation for the year was 7636; bookmobile 1975; magazines 259; adult fiction 2461; adult non-fiction 1162; junior fiction 1469; junior non-fiction 222; puzzles 30 and records 58. The bookmobile left a total of 2839 books at the library: adult fiction 1019; adult non-fiction 979; junior fiction 699; junior non-fiction 142. At the school and other parts of town, there were 2134 books left; adult fiction 156; adult non-fiction 148; junior fiction 1163 and junior non-fiction 667.

There were exhibits of new books; also an African exhibit with related books.

There were many gifts of books to the library during the year. I think we should be grateful to Mrs. Raymond Anderson for her loans and gifts over the years. Mr. and Mrs. Ross Frair of Hadley gave "A Color Dictionary of Plants and Flowers" by Hay and Syngé in memory of Mr. Walton Dater. Mr. Clare continues to add to the Anderson Collection of Arts and Sciences. A sale of books was held during the summer.

There is new landscaping in front of the library. Two trees were taken down out front, part of one which fell during a twister which swept through Ashfield July 3rd. On display in the library is a section of the trunk of one. It probably was among the first trees that were planted along Main Street. This section was cut by Mr. Ramon Sears who counted the lines and estimated that it was 150 years old. Of interest is a kerosene lamp bracket, part of which is still imbedded. He has also marked important dates in the history of the Town.

The Bookmobile of the Western Mass. Regional Library system comes to the library about every seven or eight weeks and brings a good supply of books.

I wish to thank the assistants who have helped during the year. I also wish to express my appreciation to the trustees for the generous amount of time given in behalf of the library.

Respectfully submitted,,

DOROTHY D. CRAFT, *Librarian*

ADULT FICTION

Aitken	A cluster of sparks
Aitken	Died on a rainy Sunday
Anthony	Poellenberg inheritance
Baldwin	One more time
Berckmann	Fourth man on a rope
Cadell	Home for the wedding

Caldwell	The captain and the kings
Carr	Miracle of St. Bruno
Christie	Nemesis
Delderfield	Theirs was the kingdom
Dostoyevsky	Crime and punishment
Doyle	Adventures of Sherlock Holmes
Drabble	Needles eye
Durham	Man who loved cat dancing
Eden	Speak to me of love
Edwards	Haunted summer
Estes	A streetful of people
Farage	Game of foxes
Garret	Death of a fox
Gaskin	A falcon for a queen
Gordon	Freers cove
Greene	Dead of the House
Holt	Night of the seventh moon
Howatch	Dark shore
Howatch	Shrouded walls
Kanson	The mourning trees
Kantor	I love you Irene
Kettle	The Athelsons
Kyle	Scent of danger
Lee	Wingarden
Lewis	I am Mary Tudor
Lillie	The listening silence
Loring	Shining years
Maybury	A walk in paradise garden
Michaels	Grey gallows
Ogilvie	Weep and know why
Oliver	the blue heaven bends all over
Pearson	Sarah
Plage mann	Boxwood maze
Plotnick	Great mysteries of history
Price	Beloved invader
Raymond	Gentle Greaves
Rushing	Tamzen
Savage	Happy ending
Sherburne	Way to Fort Pillow
Spark	Please do not disturb
Stevenson	Smouldering fire
Stranger	Lakeland vet
Tattersal	Midsummer masque
Welty	Optimists daughter
Whitney	Listen for the whisperer
Whitney	Trembling hills
Wouk	Winds of war

ADULT NON-FICTION

Brock	The adventurous crocheter
Brooks	The house of life-Rachel Carson
Cane	Whately 1771-1971
Davenport	History and traditions of Shelburne
Durrell	Fillets of plaice
Effman	Girls of Huntington house
Ford Museum	Greenfield village and the Henry Ford Museum
Handcock	There is a seal in my sleeping bag
Hobbs	Running toward life
Hough	Tuesday will be different
Kanin	Tracy and Hepburn
Keyes	All flags flying
Lee	Conway 1767-1967
Lenski	Journey into childhood
Lord	Diary of a village library A manual of home repairs
Ross	G. Stanley Hall
Sloane	Little red schoolhouse
Walden	Anchorage northeast

YOUTH FICTION

Cavanna	Mystery in the museum
Clark	Bloomers and ballots
Eyerly	Dropout
Findlayson	Rebecca's war
Hall	The carved wooden ring
Schlee	Consul's daughter
Sherburne	Leslie
Townsend	Summer people
Whitney	Nobody likes Trina

JUNIOR FICTION

Atwater	Mr. Peppins' penguins
Beatty	O the red rose tree
Berenstein	Bears in the night
Burgess	Buster bear
Burgess	Chatterer the red squirrel
Burgess	Danny meadow mouse
Burgess	Grandfather frog
Burgess	Jimmy skunk
Burgess	Old man coyote
Burgess	Old Mr. Toad
Coombs	Dorrie and the birthday eggs

Coombs	Dorrie and the goblin
Dahl	Charlie and the chocolate factory
Daugherty	Andy and the lion
DuBois	Bear circus
Domanska	If all the seas were one sea
Greene	Cowboys - What do they do
Hightower	Secret of the crazy quilt
Hogrogian	One fine day
Hutchins	Good night owl
Knight	Lassie come home
Knotts	Winter cat
Lengle	A wrinkle in time
Lines	Agib and honey cakes
Lobel	Mouse tales
Monjo	Secret of Sachem's tree
Morris	Seahorse
O'Brien	Mrs. Frisby and the rats of Nimh
Snyder	Headless cupid
Watson	Tom Fox and apple pie

JUNIOR NON-FICTION

Fisher	Magic
Buck	Small pets of woods and fields

ANDERSON LIBRARY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Desmond	Cleopatra's children
Langford	Winter of the fisher
Levin	To spit against the wind
Linsay	Cleopatra
Mathiessen	Blue meridian
Spicer	Of dykes nad windmills
Stewart	Crystal cave

GIFTS

Coats	Great gardens of the western world
Condon	The thirties, a time to remember
Dector	The liberated women
Greer	Female eunich
Hay and Synge	Color dictionary of plants and flowers
Holt	How children fail
Knef	The gift horse
Lindbergh	Bring me a unicorn
Parish	A Doctor's year in Vietnam
Reich	Greening of America
Slatterly	I choose
Sutton	Exploring with the Bartrans
Udell	Quiet crises

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING COMMITTEE

To the Citizens of Ashfield:

The Public Health Nursing Advisory Committee had two regular and two special meetings during the year of 1972. The committee is comprised of three members from each of the following four towns: Ashfield, Conway, Sunderland and Whately. The reason for the additional meetings was that it has been very difficult to obtain a substitute nurse.

The officers elected are Chairman, Mrs. William L. Hubbard; Vice-Chairman, Mrs. Robert Davis and Secretary, Mrs. Peter Orloski. Our certification for Medicare was approved and we voted to increase the nurse's salary to \$6,120.00, which is within the Federal guidelines.

We are very grateful to Mrs. Lorraine Strippe for her dedicated and conscientious work in the double role of School nurse and Public Health Nurse.

Should you not be able to contact her in her office at the Sunderland Town Hall, call one of the members of the Committee representing your town. From Ashfield, they are Mrs. R. A. Anderson, Mrs. Gerald A. Ranney and Mrs. Franklin W. Wickland.

ELEANOR S. HUBBARD, *Chairman*

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

1972

To The Citizens Of The Town Of Ashfield:

Home nursing visits have been at a minimum this year.

Our agency, which covers the towns of Sunderland, Whately, Conway, and Ashfield, still remains certified which means we are eligible to receive payments for visits from Medicare and Medicaid where applicable. Increasing demands and standards for accreditation may put a strain on a small agency such as ours. We are working with other agencies who face the same crisis in hopes of a solution.

Communicable diseases have been at a minimum mainly due to the various protective immunizations which are now available for the young child.

May I stress the importance of a yearly physical examination by your family physician. Early detection of many illnesses is essential for complete recovery.

Summary 1972:

Home Visits — 116

Receipts — \$437.31

Mileage Expenses — \$353.78

In closing, I wish to thank all for their support in our program, especially the nursing committee representatives of your town — Barbara Wickland, Helen Ranney, and Marion Anderson.

Respectfully submitted,

LORRAINE STRIPPE

Public Health Nurse

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

The year 1972 has proved to be a very interesting and rewarding year for the Ashfield Fire Department. The emphasis has been on changing our method of operations to make our work more efficient and safer for all personnel involved.

The Ashfield Firemen's Association has been more than busy making equipment that we did not have funds to purchase, namely a monitor nozzle on Engine No. 2, a pallet on Engine No. 2 for reloading hose without removing all the equipment off from the top of the truck and a hose chute on Engine No. 1 to make laying large hose a smoother operation and we wish to take this opportunity to thank them for their industrious labors. In addition, the Firemen's Association has started painting the club room this past year and intend to complete the job in 1973.

For the past few years, it has been the common concern of both the Fire Department, Police Department and Ambulance Department that we have no minor hand tools or rescue tools. No one knows until they have been through it the frustration of hoping or waiting for someone to show up with a tool box in their car or truck to get a job done. To avoid this situation in the future, the Ambulance Department has already started the ball rolling by purchasing a Port-A-Power Kit in 1972. In 1973 the Fire Department will purchase hand tools and minor rescue tools. The tools to be purchased will be of great help at auto accidents, car fires, building fires and as maintenance equipment.

The groups sponsored by the Fire Department are: Little League and Pee Wee League.

Permits issued in 1972:

Burning permits	51
Blasting permits	2
Oil Burner permits	4
Oil Storage permits	3
Corrections on oil burner instal.	1

Equipment purchased in 1972:

1 Float dock strainer
1 Pike pole
300' 1½" Hose
1 Gate Valve (Purchased by Firemen's Assoc.)
1 Fog nozzle

FINANCIAL STATEMENT 1972

Insurance	\$ 222.00
Fire Phone	371.62
Business Phone	211.64
Water bill	7.50
Equipment	527.33
Tri-State dues	22.00
N.F.P.A. dues	30.00
Truck & equipment repairs	93.65
Payroll	470.00
Radio repairs	117.10
Supplies	154.18
Postage	6.80
Travel Expense	11.30
Training	29.95
Snow plowing	40.00
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	\$ 2,315.07

TYPES OF OCCUPANCIES IN WHICH FIRES OCCURRED

	1970	1971	1972
Residential	5	9	12
Storage	1	1	2

MAIN CAUSE OF FIRES IN BUILDINGS

	1970	1971	1972
Electrical	1	1	2
Heating	4	5	9
Flammable liquids	1	0	1

Children & matches	0	2	1
Spontaneous	0	1	0
Miscellaneous	0	1	0

MOTOR VEHICLE FIRES

1970	1971	1972
3	3	0

GRASS-BRUSH-DUMP — MUTUAL AID — MISCELLANEOUS FIRES

1970	1971	1972
13	14	11

NUMBER OF RUNS MADE PER MONTH

January	3	July	4
Februray	1	August	1
March	3	September	0
April	3	October	3
May	3	November	1
June	2	December	1

VALUE OF PROPERTY INVOLVED AND LOSSES

	1970	1971	1972
Value of Property	\$ 71,900.00	\$137,070.00	\$300,710.00
Losses	520.00	8,581.00	4,994.40
Insurance paid	370.00	2,791.16	2,871.00

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT VAN IDERSTINE,
Fire Chief

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Police Department increased its volume of calls from last year and where, as in the past, there were months that were slow, business in 1972 was definitely on the increase.

During the year we acquired a State Police monitor, which has proved helpful when working with the State Police. We now have a scanner in the cruiser so that I can monitor the State Police and the Tri-Mutual-Aide for fire. The CB radio that was originally used for

the police man years ago, has been converted so that I may also be in contact with the town highway crew from my house.

When I am away, special officers are designated to stand by for me in case of emergency, and there is a special officer who also covers the county radio when there is no one at the base. Most of the time the police phone is covered for calls, but it is almost an impossibility to have it covered 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The department is now looking into an electronic device to be hooked up to the police phone. This would mean that when someone dialed the police number, it would ring once, then the electronic mechanism would pick up the number programed for the transfer and an officer previously designated would receive the call. This would not be a tape recording, those calling the number would be able to talk to an officer immediately.

This is a new concept in communication but might possibly solve one of the big problems — phone calls when I am away.

The following are the number of activities that happened and calls received during 1972:

	1972	1971
Miles covered by police	10,000	8,000
Patrols	90	89
Miscellaneous calls and Information given	969	764
Complaints	219	201
Investigations	259	233
Assault	2	1
Drunkenness	2	2
Vandalism	30	28
Stolen Property	38	28
Breaking and Entering	15	20
Liquor	2	4
Drugs	2	0
Dog complaints & lost	16	18
Accidents Invt. by APD	35	27
Accidents reported APD	42	40
Arrests	11	3
Court Appearances	15-45 hrs.	12-37 hrs.
Citations issued & tickets	20	22
Routine House Checks	39	40
Trips to Hospital	5	5
Deaths investigated	3	1 auto
(1 auto, 2 accidental)		
Special duties by officers	20	—
Emergency calls, medical	4	—
I.D. cards issued	11	33

REPORT OF CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR

To the residents of Ashfield:

Civil Defense activity has not been quite up to standard this year as Section 4D has been busy moving from Greenfield to Amherst and we had only two meetings with headquarters this year.

We started the year off by testing the Civil Defense Generator as usual. Mr. Barnes turned over the C. D. literature which I consider my responsibility to read, which takes about two weeks of spare time.

Ed Scott and his staff did a fine job of keeping our monthly contacts with headquarters by radio. We also received all but one of the checkerboard test alerts via telephone and fire radio. Joe Cetto from the Ashfield House helped out on this as he spends a lot of time monitoring the fire phone.

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND H. RENIFF,
Civil Defense Director

REPORT OF THE AMBULANCE COMMITTEE

In 1972 with no loss of interest on the part of thirty-nine Volunteers, four Dispatchers and one Radio-operator, the Ashfield Ambulance completed its twentieth year of service to the residents of Ashfield.

Due to the enthusiasm on the part of our Advanced Volunteers to further their training, and a need for beginners to acquire First Aid, a second American Red Cross First Aid class was held again in less than two years.

In April, our training was further supplemented by a two-part seminar for Ambulance personnel, sponsored by the Cooley Dickinson Hospital, and attended by twenty-eight from our group.

In August, three Volunteers participated in a Disaster Drill conducted jointly by the Franklin County and Farren Memorial Hospitals. In November, three others again took part in a similar test held by the Cooley Dickinson Hospital.

A representative from our department attended several meetings concerning subjects of mutual concern to the Ambulance services in

the area, and the Emergency rooms of the Greenfield and Montague Hospitals.

Late in the year, we were asked by the Hilltown Snowmobile Club to assist them with their highly commendable project, a rescue sled. In a small way we were able to offer suggestions towards equipping it and coordinating their team efforts with ours.

Lending equipment donated to our department continued to be in almost constant use. To date we were successful in locating crutches, walkers and articles of a similar nature, for those who requested them. New sources of supply are constantly being sought.

During the year our Dispatchers responded to fifty-one calls for Ambulance service, five of which were extended trips, four to Boston and one to Worcester.

Another advancement was the replacement of our unreliable communications system with a new two-way Mutual Aid transistor radio.

In the way of supplies, a small oxygen tank was added, and a gift of money received from Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Dutcher, was used to buy a Disposable Obstetrical Kit. Two sterile burn-sheets were given in memory of Philip R. Damon by Mr. and Mrs. Linwood Lesure.

Our major acquisition this year was a Hydraulic Porta-power jack obtained through donations made to the Frank E. Carter Memorial Fund.

Prompted by the steadily increasing incidence of home and highway accidents, this latest purchase is equally shared by the Police and Fire Departments.

While the financial statistics appear elsewhere in the Treasurer's report, 1972 proved to be an outstanding year for earnings, gifts and memorials, supplemented by several funds carried over from last year. Our Ambulance revenue from all sources totaled \$2,586.81.

Special recognition goes to the Shelburne Falls Fire Department Ambulance for their two back-up runs, to American Red Cross Instructor, Gerald Raymond of Charlemont, to Mrs. Jean MacAdam and Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Pease for housing our lending equipment.

Our appreciation extends to all those who contributed gifts, and especially to the fifteen families who established memorials for the benefit of our service.

For the overwhelming support on the part of so many, the Ambulance volunteers are deeply grateful.

Respectfully submitted,

ALICE WHITNEY

Co-Chairman

REPORT OF VETERANS' SERVICE AGENT

To the Board of Selectmen, The Tax Payers and the Voters of
the Town of Ashfield, Massachusetts.

The Annual Report of this District, its Activities and Services.

During the year 1972 the office has had 2571 contacts. This being 84 less than the previous year. This without doubt being a reflection of the winding down of the war in Vietnam. We sincerely hope that all will soon be home and that lamp thrown to sea.

Summary of Services

Vietnam Bonus	43
Burials, Flags and Markers	150
Education	149
Employment	19
Pensions, Loans, Compensation, A I Q, Tax Exemption, Hospital, and clinic, Social Security, and Misc.	2087
Photo Services	78
Registration for Selective Service	45
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	2571

Massachusetts Bonus applications processed totaled 16 during 1972. This being a notable decrease from the previous years in this department. As yet the legislature has not provided funds for the payment of money on the most recent applications.

New folders added to the files during the year numbered 55 this making a total of 2615 at present.

Twenty-one Pension and Compensation claims have been filed for Veterans and Widows or Children of Veterans. Some of these are not, as yet processed by the Veterans Administration.

There have been 18 deaths of Veterans in the district during 1972.

The Veterans Benefits program furnished aid to 43 families involving 91 persons. \$58,912.39 was expended by the member towns in this department during 1972.

Expenditures by Category

Ordinary Benefits	\$24,833.87
Fuel	3,682.48
Nursing Home	11,971.33

Doctor	1,223.50
Medical	5,438.60
Hospital	5,405.46
Dental	154.00
Miscellaneous	6,203.15
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	\$58,912.39

The Office is open 8:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M. Monday thru Friday and is located in Memorial Hall on Bridge Street, Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts.

It has been a pleasure working with the Officials of the towns of this District during the past year, 1972. The Cooperation of the Veterans Organizations of the District is greatly appreciated.

AMERICAN LEGION — VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

Respectfully submitted,

CLYDE H. CHURCHILL,
Veterans Agent

WESTERN FRANKLIN VETERANS' SERVICE CENTER

1972 TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance Jan. 1, 1972 \$ 1,427.46

Receipts: 1972

Town of Ashfield	\$ 1,149.00
Town of Buckland	2,412.90
Town of Charlemont	804.30
Town of Colrain	1,378.80
Town of Conway	804.30
Town of Hawley	229.80
Town of Heath	344.70
Town of Monroe	804.30
Town of Plainfield	229.80
Town of Rowe	574.50
Town of Shelburne	2,757.60
Flags and Markers	545.25
Fed. Withholding Deductions	783.00
County Retirement Deductions	398.97

State Withholding Deductions	190.32	
Photo Copies	16.15	
	<hr/>	\$ 13,423.69
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		\$ 14,851.15

Payments: 1972

Salary-Director	\$ 7,250.00	
Salary-Clerks	735.55	
Salary-Treas.	100.00	
Rent	600.00	
Phone	294.81	
Office Expense	576.59	
Agent's Travel & Expense	361.85	
Janitor	140.00	
Treas. Bond	10.00	
Treas. Checks	7.08	
Flags & Markers	307.15	
Retirement Assessment	892.80	
Fed. Withholding	783.00	
State Withholding	190.32	
County Retirement	398.97	
	<hr/>	\$ 12,648.12

Balance Dec. 31, 1972 \$ 2,203.03

OLIVE E. WOOD, Treas.

JURY LIST

Dater, Edith P.	Housewife
Doneilo, Phyllis M.	Housewife
Doyle, Helen E.	Housewife
Eldridge, Frank A.	Retired
Gallerani, Sandra E.	Nurse
Graves, Marianna T.	Housewife
Jourdan, Sherrill L.	Accountant
Muller, Richard G.	Leather Worker
Nye, Pauline J.	Housewife, teacher
Pantermehl, Arthur P.	Plumber
Record, Clement H.	Insurance
Smith, Nathaniel D.	Teacher
Steinmetz, Philip H.	Minister
Taylor, Ernest W.	Carpenter

REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN

To the Citizens of Ashfield:

Mother Nature certainly was not nice to Ashfield's trees this year. A very wet spring produced a lush growth of foliage and wood tissue which made tree tops vulnerable to wind and storm damage.

Due partly to this, several trees were severely damaged by the tail end of hurricane "Agnes" late in June. Then came a twister July 3rd which left a path of destruction from Norton Hill to Main Street. This storm, lasting only a few minutes, had such high velocity winds that some trees which had undergone two months of soaking rains were uprooted. A large historic maple in front of the Belding Memorial Library was torn in half and had to be removed.

As many of these damaged trees as possible were repaired or removed during the summer months. A total of eleven maples and ten elm trees were removed. Only two new trees were planted due to a late, wet spring and more important work such as pruning and removal.

After what seemed to be a frustrating year of tree work, Ashfield was dealt another blow by Mother Nature. An ice storm which lasted two days ended the old year and started a new one for the tree department. Large portions of trees were broken off under the severe weight of the ice leaving large rips and scars on tree trunks which will remain for years and if not repaired will eventually shorten the life of these trees.

Much work will need to be done in the following years to repair the damage done by these storms. In order to prevent other trees in the future from similar storm damage, a general tree maintenance program will have to be seriously considered. Proper pruning and cabling will have to be continued.

Respectfully submitted,

RAMON R. SEARS,

Tree Warden

REPORT OF PLANNING BOARD

The Ashfield Planning Board has a new member, Mrs. Beatrice Howes, elected for a five year term. Mr. Ralph Pease is serving as chairman and Mrs. Pauline Nye as clerk of the board for the year of 1972.

The board met quite regularly each month to study possible changes in our present by-laws.

The board held a joint meeting with the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Appeals to learn of their suggestions and ideas for any changes in our present by-laws.

Several building lot developments are submitted for approval by the board. Some of the board members have been attending the monthly Franklin County Planners meetings in Greenfield to learn of new developments and problems in the area.

The board hopes to have some proposed by-law changes and additions to present to the townspeople in the near future.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. BEATRICE V. HOWES
MR. DONALD F. OUIMETTE
MR. CHARLES P. BUCK
MR. RALPH S. PEASE
MRS. PAULINE J. NYE

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS REPORT

To the Board of Selectmen:

During 1972, five petitions were filed with the Board of Appeals requesting variances from the Provisions of the Ashfield Zoning By-Laws, four of which were granted by the Board and the fifth hearing was still pending at the close of the year.

All four variances granted included business permits and three of these involved remodeling and/or additions to existing structures.

The Board of Appeals suffered a great loss this spring due to the passing away of Walton F. Dater, who had faithfully and diligently served the Board as Chairman for three years and as Associate Member for the past two years. We also wish to take this opportunity to express our appreciation to John Mott for his able services during this same period and to welcome Orlestus S. Grunden and Clement H. Record, new Associate Members to the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT P. KING, Chairman
RALPH E. TOWNSLEY
KENNETH A. LILLY

Ashfield Zoning Board of Appeals

Associates: O. S. Grunden
Clement H. Record

REPORT OF THE ASHFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Ashfield Conservation Commission exists for the promotion, protection, and development of the natural resources of the Town.

Its members are appointed by the Selectmen of the Town under the authority of the General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 8C.

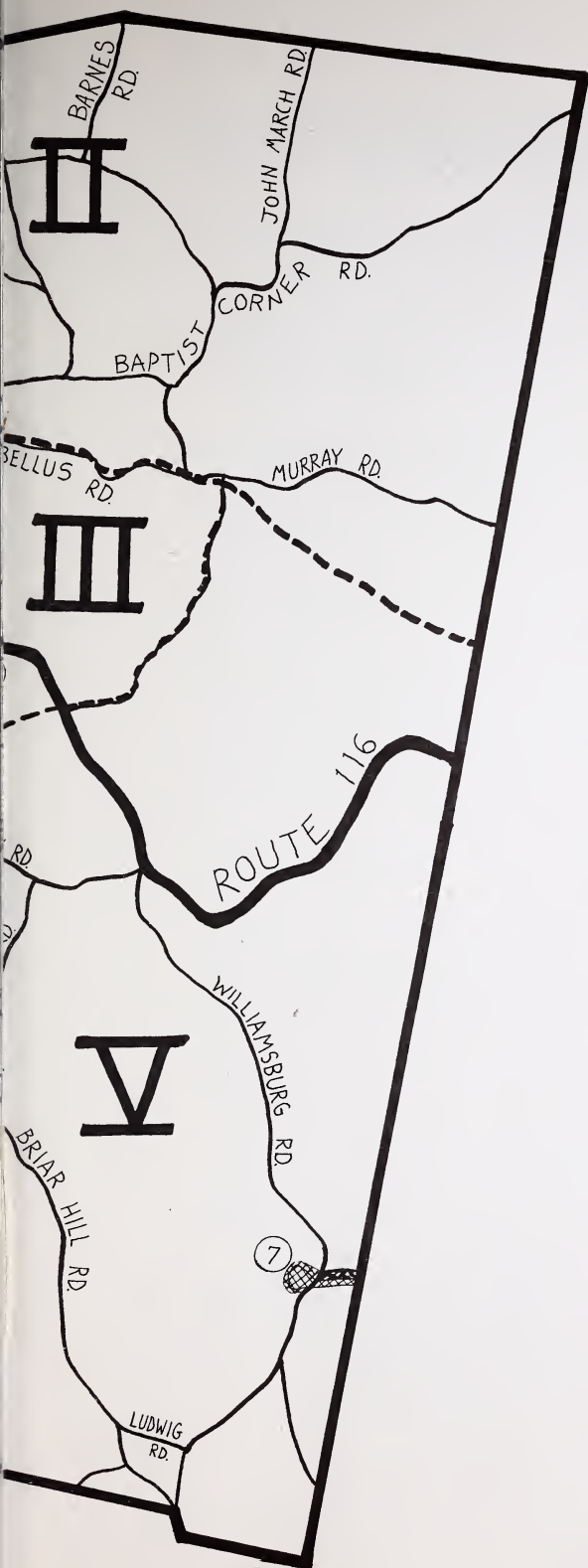
The Commission has wide authority in pursuit of its general purposes, including the control of land given to the Town for conservation purposes.

The Ashfield Conservation Commission was established in 1966. Its major activities during the short period of its existence include:

1. Providing for the Town a RECONNAISSANCE REPORT on the proposed gift to the Town of ten acres of land on the east side of Hawley Rd., subsequently given and accepted and now known as the ARTHUR BREWER-CHARLES TATRO MEMORIAL PARK. This report was made in June, 1969. It was prepared by Frederick J. Muehl of the U.S. Soil Conservation Service in cooperation with the Franklin Conservation District.
2. Providing for the Town an INVENTORY OF SITES WITH NATURAL RESOURCES POTENTIALS prepared by the Natural Resources Technical Team of Franklin County in cooperation with the Franklin Conservation District.
This INVENTORY was presented at a special meeting in the Town Hall and copies were made available to interested citizens but are now in short supply. It was published in March, 1970.
3. Starting the development and encouraging the use of the BREWER-TATRO MEMORIAL PARK by school and other groups and by individuals.
4. Studying the INVENTORY and selecting and suggesting action in connection with some of the sites. This leaflet is prepared in this connection with the map of the Town showing land already publicly owned.

This commission suggests that any citizens who wish to help in protecting the natural resources of the Town of Ashfield get in touch with any member of the Commission. We suggest the possibility of either giving land to the Town for conservation purposes or consid-





KEY

1. Bear Swamp Reservation
2. Brewer-Tatro Memorial Park
3. New Town Dump
4. Town Highway Buildings & Belding Memorial Park
5. Sanderson Academy
6. Town Hall & Fire House
7. Chapel Falls Reservation

ering some of the other means by which it can be protected and we can assure our descendents of having as beautiful a community as we have inherited.

The Commission is giving attention at present to the establishing of GREEN-BELT AREAS and SCENIC LOOK-OUT POINTS.

Linwood B. Lesure, Chairman
Philip Dater, Secretary-Treasurer
Arthur L. Williams, Jr.

March 3, 1973

Philip Humason Steinmetz
Esther D. Steinmetz
Honorary Members

REPORT OF SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

SANDERSON ACADEMY

This past school year has seen several changes within Sanderson Academy. Many of these changes and improvements in our program have been outlined by Mrs. Martha Conant who has been serving in the capacity of head teacher.

The program for September consisted of testing and reviewing the results so that we could single out the children who needed help in math. The children were then scheduled into sessions which last from fifteen to thirty minutes five times a week. In October and November we have begun the work of remediating these children according to the objectives of the program. For some we must try to make up for a difference of several years between their present level of ability in math and their actual grade level. For others it may be one or two basic points which they do not understand and are holding them back from performing at their present grade level. At this point we have been able to release one student back into the classroom. The aide along with the teacher is watching this child carefully for any signs that the child might need further tutoring in order to cope with the math in the regular classroom.

In spite of the fact that there were several changes in personnel the program has operated smoothly. Progress with some of these children is easily noticeable and with others it is slow but steady.

The P.A.C. has met once already and will be meeting again at the end of November. The committee is very interested in the progress of the program and in particular the possibility of continuing this program for children who might need help next year.

The reading program at Sanderson Academy has undergone many changes this year in an effort to bring the best reading instruction possible to our children.

The kindergarten is experimenting with a new readiness program that exposes the child to identification of letters and letter sounds. The program is designed to give the child a firm foundation for beginning reading.

Grade 1 is piloting the Palo Reading Program. This program is a phonetic based reading program designed in small sequential steps to give each child a firm foundation in reading and to give him independence in reading at the conclusion of his years in the primary grades.

Each child was tested in September and his test was evaluated by

the reading supervisor and the teacher. The child was then placed at a reading level where the child could gain the most reading success.

Throughout the year each child is constantly being evaluated by his reading teacher. Any child who has demonstrated he needs a more challenging program or needs special help in reading is referred to the reading supervisor for special testing. The child is then placed in an appropriated reading program for his particular learning needs.

The elementary school library at Sanderson Academy has grown considerably during the past year. In January the library was rearranged to accommodate more material.

A "travelling library" of several hundred National Geographic bound pamphlets and index on interlibrary loan from the high school was at the library from January 24 - February 4th.

On April 4th a Book Mending Workshop was held for library personnel, interested teachers and administrators. Mending kits and detailed instruction on the proper care and repair of books and pamphlets were available to each participant.

Just before school closed for the summer recess graded summer reading lists of recommended books for every level were distributed to all pupils. This was the first time any attempt has been made to promote summer reading through the school library.

During the summer months three students hired and paid by the Neighborhood Youth Corps in Greenfield worked part-time in the school library. These three girls painted bookcases, arranged Vertical File material and processed print and non-print material.

In Septmeber Mrs. Ruth Ryan was hired to replace Mrs. Hanson, who resigned during the summer. Mrs.. Ryan supervises library activity on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons. Mrs. Toni Miller is responsible for daily morning story hours for three reading classes, and Mrs. Kendrick assists in the library in the afternoon. Under the direction of Mrs. Ryan a Library Club has been formed. Students in grades 4, 5 and 6 meet every Friday after school.

An audio-visual workshop for faculty members was conducted on October 4th by Mrs. Silvester. After an opportunity to learn how to use each piece of equipment, teachers were shown a slide presentation dealing with the availability and usefulness of non-print material.

The annual Book Fair held in the room adjacent to the library was held to coincide with Open House.

To facilitate the exchange of print and non-print material among the elementary schools, inter-library loan is being stressed this year.

Faculty members have been provided with simple forms to request material, and school personnel traveling from building to building transport material.

Material loaned to the library from the Greenfield Bookmobile continues to supplement the growing collection. Non-print material continues to be cataloged and processed for circulation, so that a well-rounded collection in all subject areas is being built up for student and faculty use.

This year has marked a change in our approach to the speech problems of students. Heretofore teachers identified students who they suspected of possessing speech defects and remediation was carried on at the Franklin County Public Hospital in Greenfield. This year the school committee signed a contract with the Franklin County Public Hospital to bring the speech therapist into the school. This has resulted in a more comprehensive diagnosis of children with speech defects. And children needing help are receiving therapy with greater frequency each week than was true in the past. Early results seem to indicate that this is more effective than transporting pupils to Greenfield.

One other significant activity relating to increasing the effectiveness of the school were some alterations that were done within the cafeteria. A petition separating the kitchen from the eating area was constructed. This petition in addition to providing for two separate spaces also serves as a counter and serving area for the meals. New lights were installed in the kitchen area which has made this work area far more pleasant. However, the significant advantage of this work undertaken by the school committee has been to create another teaching station within the building that can be used at all times except when lunch is being served. It is the intention of the committee to develop the cafeteria eating area into an instructional area that can be used for regular classes and also for the showing of instructional films.

Finally, I would like to express my appreciation and thanks to Mrs. Conant and all members of the Sanderson staff. With the resignation of Mr. Luper as principal late in the summer, arrangements for the opening of school necessarily had to be carried along in an expeditious manner. The successful opening of school in September was largely due to the loyal and dedicated efforts of all staff members as they worked with Mrs. Conant. On behalf of the staff I would like to express our collective appreciation to the school committee and community for their interest and support of the school program. Without such loyal efforts it could have been a difficult opening.

ARTHUR P. SILVESTER

REPORT OF HEAD TEACHER

Mr. Arthur P. Silvester
Superintendent of Schools
17 Bridge Street
Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts 01370

Dear Mr. Silvester:

I hereby submit my report as Head Teacher of Sanderson Academy for the school year 1972-1973:

ENROLLMENT — November 1, 1972

Grade	Boys	Girls	Total
K	11	6	17
1	16	14	30
2	12	12	24
3	21	14	35
4	18	16	34
5	13	15	28
6	17	13	30
Totals	108	90	198

FACULTY AND STAFF

Due to the resignation of Mr Howard Luper in August the School Committee appointed Mrs. Martha Conant as Head Teacher. Mr. Jeffrey Goldwasser was appointed as a physical education instructor on one-half time basis. Mrs. Elizabeth Beebe was appointed a fourth grade teacher also on one-half time basis to relieve Mrs. Conant for administrative duties in the afternoon. There are now ten full time teachers in our classrooms. No new teachers were appointed for these classes, but Ms. Kate Rutherford and Mrs. Marjorie Senecal returned after a years leave of absence. Mrs. Rutherford is teaching grades 5 and 6 and Mrs. Senecal is teaching grade 3. Included as special instructors are Miss Carol Law, Art; Mr. John MacInnis, Music; and Miss Lenore Berson, Instrumental Music Instruction. Mrs. Shiela Merrit continues as the Shared Reading Supervisor. Mrs. Susan Silvester also continues as our Library and Instructional Media Supervisor. Miss Maureen Kirwin was appointed supervisor of our district-wide Title I Math Program.

Mrs. Gladys Kendrick and Mrs. Toni Miller have continued as educational aides. Mrs. Ruth Rice has been an invaluable help as the office clerk and part-time library aide. Mrs. Ruth Ryan is shared by the district as a Library aide. Miss Susan Guerdon was appointed a full-time aide under the Title I program for Remedial Math.

INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM

The ungraded reading program continues to be refined and successful here at Sanderson.

The staff at Sanderson have been involved in a series of Educational Workshops to improve curriculum this year. Other workshops are being conducted throughout the year to improve teaching techniques in the classroom.

Several of our teachers have been able to make good use of regional conferences on education problems affecting our students today within the classroom.

Total volumes in the Sanderson Academy Library collection have been increased to 1880 over 1579 last year. Average circulation is 80 books per day. We are grateful to Mrs. Charlotte Clark of Plainfield who gave the Library several years' back issues of the National Geographic.

A new cassette recorder with tapes and a filmstrip projector with new filmstrips were also purchased this year.

New physical education equipment is in the process of completion thanks to Mr. Goldwasser and several parents who have made it for our classes.

We would like to thank the Lions Club and the Trustees for building the new basketball court outside. It has been in constant use at recess since school began.

MAINTENANCE

Last summer the exterior of Sanderson Academy was painted. Two classrooms, the upper and lower halls and entrance ways, and Boys' toilets were also freshly painted. New curtains were installed in five of the classrooms. A new blackboard was installed in a classroom. This year we hope to continue the exterior painting of the back of the school. Two more classrooms will be painted and we will continue to replace curtains in the classrooms.

In closing, I would like to thank all the faculty and staff, children and parents, who have been so cooperative and helpful in making this school year such a success.

Respectfully submitted,

MARTHA A. CONANT

Head Teacher

SCHOOL NURSE'S REPORT

To the Superintendent, Principal, School Committee, and Citizens of the Town of Ashfield:

Our school health program includes numerous activities in which many different persons participate. The program may be divided into three interrelated parts. One part may be labeled health education, and the other parts healthful school living, and school health services. Each of the three parts is important; each makes a unique contribution to a total program.

Annual physical examinations by the school physician, Dr. Galbo, have been completed this fall. A few minor defects were found and followed through with the families. Diptheris-Tetanus boosters were given to the fifth graders needing them and with parental permission. Heights and weights have been completed.

Teachers and school personnel were encouraged to attend the tuberculin testing clinic last winter in Greenfield.

Notices and reminders were sent home with all students regarding the importance of good hygiene and dietary habits.

A dental program was held for all third graders. Dental care kits were distributed and a film shown.

All students have the vision and hearing screening tests annually. Many failures have been found and several conferences were held with parents and school personnel regarding follow-through examinations and care.

A menstrual education film was shown to the fifth and sixth grade girls, followed by a discussion period.

A German Measles and Mumps vaccine clinic for pre-schoolers and kindergarten through sixth grade was held with Dr. Galbo this spring. We are finding that the parents are cooperating well with the immunization programs.

SUMMARY

School Enrollment	199
School Visits	45
School Conferences	58
Home Conferences	10
Absences	1,593

In closing I wish to express my appreciation to all school personnel and parents for their cooperation and assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

LORRAINE STRIPPE R.N.

CAFETERIA MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Arthur P. Silvester
Superintendent of Schools
17 Bridge Street
Shelburne Falls, Mass.

Dear Mr. Silvester:

I hereby submit my report as Cafeteria Manager of Sanderson Academy for the school year 1971-1972.

Last summer, thanks to the School Committee and Mr. Silvester's planning, a partition was installed between the kitchen and the cafeteria. This has made it much easier for us plus it has given the school a chance to use the cafeteria when they needed the extra room. Also new lights were installed in the kitchen.

This year we have not been as fortunate as other years due to the cut of Government Commodities. The U.S.D.A. will not purchase frozen ground beef or processed cheese because of the high price. This has hurt us financially. The price of all other foods purchased has risen considerably.

This year our daily attendance holds at approximately 160 to 170 students daily.

I would like to express my appreciation to Mrs. Conant and all the school personnel for their cooperation.

In closing I would like to thank Mr. Silvester and the School Committee for their help.

Respectfully submitted,

PHYLLIS E. GRAVES

Cafeteria Manager

APPROPRIATION FOR SUPPORT **Of the Ashfield Public School — 1973 - 1974**

	1972	1972	Appropriation for 1973-74		
	Budgeted	Expenses	12 Months	6 Months	18 Months
ADMINISTRATION:					
School Comm. Supplies	\$ 10.00	\$ 18.91	\$ 10.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 15.00
School Comm. Other	109.00	36.75	56.50	28.50	85.00
Superintendent's Salary	3,364.40	3,279.43	2,955.59	1,435.50	4,391.09
Superintendent's Clerical	4,255.00	3,693.18	4,292.58	2,196.38	6,488.96
Superintendent's Travel	476.56	295.86	413.94	206.97	620.91
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	\$ 8,214.96	\$ 7,324.13	\$ 7,728.61	\$ 3,872.35	\$ 11,600.96
INSTRUCTION:					
Supervisor's Salaries	\$ 2,407.00	\$ 2,401.92	\$ 2,289.32	\$ 1,158.89	\$ 3,448.21
Supervisor's Other Expense	150.00	99.52	134.00	76.00	210.00
Principal's Salary	11,982.53	8,215.60	12,000.00	6,000.00	18,000.00
Principal's Clerical	2,580.50	2,515.15	2,684.40	1,603.80	4,288.20
Principal's Supplies	200.00	163.29	180.00	95.00	275.00
Principal's Other Expense	200.00	104.50	140.00	85.00	225.00
Teachers' Salaries	92,647.00	92,401.58	96,555.31	51,081.07	147,636.38
Substitutes	1,170.00	1,251.00	1,300.00	700.00	2,000.00
Teacher Aides	4,715.40	4,431.90	4,693.50	2,822.40	7,515.90
Supplies & Materials	4,400.00	4,128.87	5,225.50	995.50	6,221.00
Other Expense	110.00	139.10	280.00	110.00	390.00
Teachers' Salaries, Sp. Ed.	1,076.00	870.80	1,672.71	880.58	2,553.29
Teacher Aide, Sp. Ed.	329.00	226.00	441.90	265.86	707.76

Contracted Services, Sp. Ed.	3,280.00	2,646.04	5,445.00	3,176.25	8,621.25
Supplies & Material, Sp. Ed.	100.00	30.08	60.00	40.00	100.00
Other Expense, Sp. Ed.	14.00	25.09	15.00	5.00	20.00
Textbooks	1,300.00	1,088.54	1,300.00	250.00	1,550.00
Textbooks, Sp. Ed.	.00	.00	15.00	10.00	25.00
Library Aide	432.00	590.50	1,151.25	693.00	1,844.25
Library Books & Materials	650.00	664.74	850.00	500.00	1,350.00
Other Expense	75.00	69.40	.00	.00	.00
Audio Visual Materials	300.00	332.29	475.00	25.00	500.00
Audio-Visual Other	50.00	24.00	25.00	10.00	35.00
Testing Supplies	405.00	317.92	400.00	294.40	694.40
Other Expense, Scoring	100.00	.00	120.00	120.00	240.00
Psychological Services	528.00	428.00	445.50	445.50	891.00
Psychiatrics	.00	.00	50.00	50.00	100.00
	<u>\$129,201.43</u>	<u>\$123,165.83</u>	<u>\$137,948.39</u>	<u>\$ 71,493.25</u>	<u>\$209,441.64</u>

OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES:

Physician's Salary	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$.00	\$ 200.00
Physicals	.00	.00	45.00	30.00	75.00
Health Supplies	25.00	24.46	20.00	10.00	30.00
Parent Arranged Transp.	.00	12.00	.00	.00	.00
Pupil Transportation	25,225.00	24,047.00	26,100.00	15,225.00	41,325.00
Field Trips	500.00	316.50	500.00	250.00	750.00
Pupil Transportation, Sp. Ed.	2,900.00	1,499.86	1,050.00	1,470.00	2,520.00
Cafeteria's Manager Salary	.00	.00	2,000.00	1,000.00	3,000.00
	<u>\$ 28,850.00</u>	<u>\$ 26,099.82</u>	<u>\$ 29,915.00</u>	<u>\$ 17,985.00</u>	<u>\$ 47,900.00</u>

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF PLANT:

	1972 Budgeted	1972 Expenses	Appropriation for 1973-74		
			12 Months	6 Months	18 Months
Custodial Salary	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 3,250.00	\$ 9,750.00
Custodial Helper	1,320.00	753.05	1,480.00	814.00	2,294.00
Custodial Supplies	1,180.00	1,192.86	1,350.00	810.00	2,160.00
Fuel	3,940.00	3,632.33	3,855.00	2,237.50	6,092.50
Utilities	2,814.80	3,224.13	3,664.00	1,832.50	5,496.50
Maint. of Grounds, Contr.	500.00	386.00	500.00	500.00	1,000.00
Maint. of Grounds, Supplies	50.00	26.00	50.00	35.00	85.00
Maint. of Bldg, Contr.	6,225.00	4,977.60	7,845.00	350.00	8,195.00
Maint. of Bldg, Supplies	425.00	454.62	675.00	290.00	965.00
Maint. of Equip., Contr.	720.00	451.04	810.00	335.00	1,145.00
Maint. of Equip., Supplies	40.00	22.65	30.00	10.00	40.00
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	\$ 23,714.80	\$ 21,620.28	\$ 26,759.00	\$ 10,464.00	\$ 37,223.00
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FIXED CHARGES:					
Rental of Garage	\$ 120.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 180.00
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ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS:					
New Equipment	\$ 662.50	\$ 1,059.78	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 297.00	\$ 1,297.00
Replacement of Equipment	280.00	282.21	445.00	.00	445.00
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	\$ 942.50	\$ 1,341.99	\$ 1,445.00	\$ 297.00	\$ 1,742.00
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TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET:	\$191,043.69	\$179,672.05	\$203,916.00	\$104,171.60	\$308,087.60

EXPENDITURES

ADMINISTRATION:

School Committee Expense:

E. A. Hall Ledger Sheets	\$ 9.91
Joseph Mooney, Ledger Sheets	9.00
Recorder Publishing, Advertising	23.59
E. A. Hall, Brochures	10.25
Catherine Newell, Union Expense	2.91

\$ 55.66

Superintendent of Schools:

Salary	\$ 3,279.43
Travel	295.86
Clerical	3,693.18

\$ 7,268.47

INSTRUCTION:

Supervisor's Expense:

Sheila Merritt, Salary	\$ 2,311.92
Susan Silvester, Salary	90.00
Sheila Merritt, Travel	66.96
Susan Silvester, Travel	32.56

\$ 2,501.44

Principal's Expense:

Howard S. Luper, Salary	\$ 7,488.36
Martha Conant, Salary	727.24
Clerical	2,515.15
Principal's Supplies	163.29
Principal's Travel	104.50

\$ 10,998.54

Teachers' Salaries:

Vernon Avera	\$ 8,241.88
Lenore Berson	1,290.34
Margaret Booker	7,345.44
Martha Conant	8,241.88
Margaret Dean	1,748.19
Judith Dabkowski	6,563.34
Vivien Fuller	8,161.40
Mary Hall	8,103.38
Cathy Jeswald Sp. Ed.	847.49

Carol Law	3,318.16
Alice Libby	7,463.16
Kathleen O'Connell	4,995.74
Joanne Ostrowski	6,803.42
Ida Sloan	7,903.58
Susan Traft	4,451.53
Elizabeth Beebe	862.42
Jeffrey Goldwasser	1,138.80
John MacInnis	954.60
Katherine Rutherford	2,480.46
Marjorie Senecal	2,153.86

\$ 93,249.07

Substitute Teachers:

Thelma Bates	\$ 144.00
Elizabeth Beebe	81.00
Harriet Decker	18.00
Jean de Streel	36.00
Cynthia Donovan	54.00
Francis Dufresne	36.00
Thomas Gibson, Sp. Ed	4.20
Jeffrey Goldwasser	36.00
Irene Gortner	18.00
Mary Lucas	108.00
Rachel Manners	144.00
Pauline Nye	72.00
Ruth Otico	108.00
Martha Rice, Sp. Ed.	2.94
Ruth Rice	18.00
Nancy Rillings	252.00
Marjorie Senecal	90.00
Theresa Smith	18.00
Joyce Thompson, Sp. Ed.	16.17
Ruth Yanka	18.00

\$ 1,274.31

Teacher Aides:

Thomas Gibson Sp. Ed.	\$ 55.20
June Graves	22.80
Toni (Severance) Miller	1,424.90
Gladys Kendrick	2,382.90
Janice Rosenbaum	601.30
Joyce Thompson	170.80

\$ 4,657.90

Teaching Supplies:

K-6	\$ 3,357.54	
Art	491.24	
Music	44.80	
Physical Education	235.29	
Special Education	30.08	
		\$ 4,158.95

Teachers' Other Expense:

Professional Books	\$ 24.03	
Conferences	83.95	
Open House Expense	24.42	
Field Trip Admissions	6.70	
Special Education	25.09	
		\$ 164.19

Textbooks:

Dictionaries	\$ 210.31	
Music	338.01	
Reading	540.22	
		\$ 1,088.54

Library Services:

Aides' Salaries:		
Ruth Hansen	\$ 196.00	
Susan Roszkowski	82.00	
Ruth Ryan	312.50	
Books, Magazines	565.69	
Supplies	99.05	
Travel	69.40	
		\$ 1,324.64

Audio-Visual:

Materials and Supplies	\$ 332.29	
Film Postage	24.00	

	\$ 356.29	
Testing Supplies	\$ 317.92	
Psychological Services	\$ 428.00	

OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES:

Health Services:

Physician's Salary	\$ 200.00	
Health Supplies	24.46	
		\$ 224.46

Transportation:		
Parent Arranged:		
Robert Coler	\$	12.00
Pupil Contracted:		
C. W. Ward, Inc.		19,355.00
Doug Ward		1,044.00
Katerine Loomis		3,648.00
Special Education:		
Mohawk Bus Corporation		1,498.00
Cathy Jeswald		1.86
Field Trips		316.50
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	\$	25,875.36

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF PLANT:

Custodial Salaries:		
Walter Zalenski	\$	6,500.00
Laurie Dufresne, Helper		753.05
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	\$	7,253.05
Custodial Supplies:		
E. L. Canter, Inc.	\$	1,143.25
Days Store		2.67
Kendall Company		34.00
Keyes Hardware		12.94
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	\$	1,192.86
Fuel	\$	3,632.33
Utilities:		
Water	\$	225.00
Electricity		2,634.12
Telephone		365.01
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	\$	3,224.13
Maintenance of Grounds:		
E. L. Canter Inc.	\$	26.00
C. W. Ward Inc., Snow Removal		386.00
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	\$	412.00
Maintenance of Building Contracted Services:		
Commissioner of Public Safety	\$	10.00
William Gray		781.48
J. L. Hammett		287.27
S. & J. Jamrog		1,499.15
Johnson Service Control		398.96

Keyes Hardware	8.89	
Lyman Sheet Metal	25.00	
Roger E. Pollen	1,256.00	
Rugg Mfg. Company	176.17	
Sears Roebuck & Company	44.75	
Willis G. Thayer	387.93	
Valley Tank	85.00	
Ward Plumbing	17.00	
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		\$ 4,977.60

Maintenance of Building Supplies & Materials:

American Standard	\$ 260.63	
E. L. Canter, Inc.	11.25	
Days Store	1.20	
Laurie Dufresne	.88	
Vivien Fuller	3.48	
Keyes Hardware	156.18	
Willis Thayer	21.00	
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		\$ 454.62

Maintenance of Equipment, Contracted Services:

Ashfield Motor Sales	\$ 47.23	
Barrett & Baker	7.00	
E. L. Canter	50.10	
H. L. Dempsey	21.25	
A. B. Dick	20.80	
Gribbons Band Instruments	40.75	
Holyoke Equipment Company	91.60	
Norm's Service Station	41.51	
So. Deerfield Fire Equipment	20.00	
Valley Camera Supply	92.80	
Walter Zalenski	18.00	
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		\$ 451.04

Maintenance of Equipment Supplies & Materials

Kittredge Equipment Company	\$ 13.95	
Walter Zalenski	8.70	
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		\$ 22.65

FIXED CHARGES:

Rental of Garage:		
Clifton Pease		\$ 120.00

NEW EQUIPMENT:

ABC School	\$ 42.27	
Cambosco	96.00	
E. L. Canter, Inc.	150.00	
Gribbons Band Instruments	134.00	
J. L. Hammett	144.30	
Holyoke Equipment	70.26	
Kirby Office Equipment	33.25	
Kiwanis Club of Shelburne Falls	35.00	
New England School Supply	72.65	
Rugg Mfg. Company	115.08	
Sanderson Activity Fund	69.97	
Valley Camera Supply	97.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,059.78

REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT:

Barrett & Baker	\$ 245.00	
New England School Supply	37.21	
	<hr/>	\$ 282.21

TUITION:

Franklin County Public Hospital	\$ 2,646.04	
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TOTAL:		\$179,672.05

ESEA — TITLE II**LIBRARY****RECEIPTS:**

Bureau of Library Extension		
State Department of Education	\$	317.90

EXPENSES:

Eye Gate House	\$ 186.50	
General Learning Corporation	71.49	
Educational Reading Service	46.30	
H. R. Hunting Co.	13.61	
	<hr/>	\$ 317.90

BALANCE ON HAND December 31, 1972	\$.00
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HOT LUNCH FUND

RECEIPTS:

Balance on hand January 1, 1972		\$ 638.53
Adult Lunchroom Sales	\$ 949.39	
Student Lunchroom Sales	6,750.22	
U.S.D.A. Reimbursement	6,370.80	
Other Receipts	8.80	
	<hr/>	\$ 14,079.21
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		\$ 14,717.74

EXPENSES:

Food	\$ 4,103.61	
Milk	2,624.33	
Labor	6,176.00	
Supplies	358.81	
Equipment	1,256.54	
	<hr/>	\$ 14,519.29

CASH BALANCE on hand December 31, 1972	\$ 198.45
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REPORT OF MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Mohawk is slowly, albeit positively, emerging from the trauma of its birth and the growing pains associated with its early youth. Turn-over in administrative personnel has been greater than is healthy, although perhaps inevitable in a school of our complexity. We have, however, been particularly fortunate in Mr. Arthur P. Silvester as Superintendent. The 1970 Committee made a wise choice in employing him and ever since his arrival he has been the greatest single force in unifying the school system and in providing forward-looking leadership. As long as he is at the helm we can all look ahead with confidence to resolution of our problems and the achievement of obtaining an excellent school.

The Committee's great weakness continues to be a bog-down in details of housekeeping, transportation and other incidentals of school operation, rather than being able to devote its energies toward dealing with the real purposes, and problems, of education. The question of "phasing" is an example. Although this policy is now in effect, it is far from certain that it is a wise one and the Committee has not yet dealt with the question beyond a fringe area. Furthermore, there are many possibilities contained in last year's Ad Hoc Report, as well as a myraid of ideas for innovative education in the air, which the Committee has so far failed to come to grips with. As an administrator put it a few years ago, "I'm so busy putting out fires that there is no time left for me to do my real job". While there will always be brush fires requiring attention in a school of our size, ways must be found to deal with the basic purpose of our existence and we must continue trying to resolve the problem.

Over the last two years the Committee has invited two members of the faculty and two members of the student body (this year increased to five students by law) to sit in its meetings. While this is a highly desirable situation, feedback from these sources is still inadequate.

In an attempt to broaden communication within the school, and especially with parents and the community, a school paper, the Nine Town News, was started last spring. An early edition contained a questionnaire asking whether recipients thought the paper of value and that it should be continued. Inasmuch as there was not a single reply received, the publication was discontinued.

A group of private individuals under the leadership of Mr. Nathan Hale has been authorized to conduct a fund-raising campaign toward

the construction of an indoor swimming pool at the school. Obviously, this is a long term project, but additional physical education facilities are badly needed to relieve existing crowding.

Expansion of the administrative offices at Bridge Street has worked out well and greatly relieved the pre-existing condition of cramped quarters. Further consolidation of personnel at this headquarters appears to be desirable.

Negotiations for a teachers' contract are underway as this is written and we are hopeful that an equitable contract will be promptly and amicably agreed to.

The Committee continues to be mindful of the impact of its budget on the member towns and the taxpayers therein. The 1972 budget contained only modest increases and the 1973-74 budget has also been held to a minimum, especially in view of the complications involved in the adoption of an eighteen-month budget.

The Committee will always welcome suggestions and criticism from the entire Regional community.

Respectfully submitted,

WINSTON HEALY

Chairman

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

MISS DORIS ASKEW
MR. JAMES DELANEY
MR. RUSSEL C. DENISON
MISS TERRY FERRER
MR. RAYMOND A. GIARD
MR. HAROLD T. HARRIS
MR. KARL JURENTKUFF
MRS. JUDY LEDERER
MRS. CAROL MALONE
MR. CLARK G. McKINNON, JR
MR. CLEMENT H. RECORD
MR. ROBERT ROBERTSON
MR. BERNARD SHIPPEE
MR. CLIFTON SHIPPEE
MRS. MARIANNE STONE
MR. ROBERT J. WALTERS

MR. NEIL POTTER	Faculty Representative
MR. RICHARD ROCKSTROH	Faculty Representative
DEBRA CROMACK	Student Representative
CHRISTINE DAVENPORT	Student Representative
JANET DAVENPORT	Student Representative
LeBELLE HICKS	Student Representative
RICHARD SMITH	Student Representative

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

The year 1972 once again has seen many changes within the high school. These changes encompass not only the area of personnel, but also the curriculum and the approaches to learning and motivation as well.

The faculty changes that have taken place are summarized below:

NEW TEACHERS

Mrs. Carol Barron
Miss Mary Benoit
David Bodenstein
Miss Michelle Cormier
Miss Kathleen Donlon
Miss Martha Gudoian
Mrs. Carolyn Hazlett
Miss Marilyn Hunter
Mrs. Susan Lewis
Miss Diane McIntosh
Maurice O'Brien
Mrs. Judith Oleson
Mrs. Claudia Richardson
Miss Joan Roy
Miss Caroline Sly
Miss Deborah Tarr

TEACHERS WHO TERMINATED THEIR SERVICE

Mrs. Mary Barth
Miss Karlen Bernet
Miss J. Ardelle Chase
Mrs. Maria E. Davenport
Lyle W. Gerrits
Mrs. Lauretta Golet
Mrs. Phyllis May Johannesen
Mrs. Linda M. Legare
Mrs. Dianne E. Muehl
Miss Deanna Petersen
Paul Teto
Mrs. Beverly J. Thomas
John C. Tilley
Mrs. Sylvia J. Tobin

One will note from the above list that we have added a new teacher to the organization in the person of Miss Mary Benoit. This instructor has been employed by the school district as the teacher of a new course, distributive education. Earlier in the year, the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges as well as the local high school staff and administration, voted to introduce this new course. It is one of a vocational character and for the first year its cost will be subsidized entire-

ly by the state. If the course proves successful and the committee decides to continue it, thereafter the amount of state support will be 50 percent. This program is one which provides classroom experience and on-the-job training in the area of merchandising and retailing. It should prove to be a practical help to Mohawk students who are interested in going directly into the job market following graduation from high school.

This year has also been marked by a change in administrative leadership within the high school. Kenneth Hadermann, who had been principal since September of 1970, resigned to accept a principalship in New York in July of this year. He has been succeeded by Melvin Abrahamson, a teacher of some seven years experience, first at Crittenden Junior High School and then more recently at the Mohawk Trail Regional High School. Mr. Abrahamson brings to the position an exceptional knowledge of the local scene, the staff of the school, and the needs of our boys and girls. Under his leadership, both the committee and superintendent believe that the school will continue its forward growth. Since the re-opening of school in September, staff members have observed a new and invigorating atmosphere within the school organization. The esprit de corps of the teachers has been very positive and this has had a wholesome effect upon the entire organization.

Earlier in this report, I had mentioned the continuing change within the high school. Currently, one of the more significant areas of such change has been in the matter of flexibility with regard to the individual programs of students. The school now has several different programs. These include work-study, extended campus, programs of collegiate affiliation, in addition to the distributive education activity mentioned earlier. The purpose of these programs is to meet the individual needs of students. In the fall of 1972, a program was started which tied in the open labs scheduled for teachers with the progress reports sent to parents concerning their children. The children who received progress reports which contained F's are now scheduled for open labs with the teachers to make sure that the students are offered and take advantage of extra help. Those students who do not show up at the open lab to which they are assigned are reported by the teacher to the guidance counselor who in turn counsels the students. We have also introduced, with school committee approval, the beginnings of an instrumental music program for students in grades seven and eight.

This year in curriculum, Mohawk has continued a program which was started in 1971. The original project was to write behavioral objectives in all subject areas so that teachers at Mohawk could more closely ally themselves in the task of providing meaningful instruction. This project has three main objectives: 1) to provide objectives

of activities that *all* Mohawk students should be able to do; 2) to provide objectives that all Mohawk students *should have the opportunity to do*; and 3) to provide objectives that *some* Mohawk students should have the opportunity to do. In the 1971-72 year, the faculty at Mohawk completed phase one of the objectives. Now as we continue this project, we are working on the second phase, that is: objectives that all Mohawk students should have the opportunity to reach. In continuing to add a whole lot of objectives it is found that we have not been writing objectives. It has been the desire of the building administration and supervisors that the teachers put into operation those parts of the objectives which they are able to integrate into their daily work. The goal is not only to write the objectives but to incorporate them into the curriculum as soon as possible. In some cases, this is already being done. Essentially, the development of the programs and curriculum described above involves the practical implementation of ideas. These activities are further based on the premise that the student is an individual and that the program should be fitted to his individual needs.

Since the inception of Mohawk, the high school has used what is known as flexible modular scheduling. In its early days, in practice, the scheduling was as rigid as with any conventional system, but, with the new programs that have come into practical operation during the past year or so, flexibility is no longer a theoretical consideration. This is not to imply that flexible modular scheduling has resolved all problems; it has not. My own personal observation in talking with residents of our community leads me to know that the management and administration of flexible modular scheduling needs further refinement. People point out that students are wasting time in the cafeteria. This particular aspect of our present pattern of scheduling is the basic remaining thorn that must be removed. The high school administration and staff are currently working on this aspect of the problem. At a faculty meeting in October, the matter of scheduling was thoroughly reviewed by the staff. They discussed the strengths and weaknesses of conventional study patterns with those of flexible modular scheduling and it was the consensus of faculty thought that the latter type of scheduling offered the greatest opportunities to help boys and girls. The format of scheduling in itself is not the crucial matter. A school can have a conventional schedule and allow great flexibility or a school can have flexible modular schedule with complete rigidity. It is not so much the type of scheduling that is present as it is the matter of general philosophy on the part of the staff together with what the staff does with the time available.

During the past year, significant developments have occurred within the resource center. Last spring the Community Resource Catalog was completed, and it was published in May. Copies were distributed to members of the Mohawk faculty. The Resource Center

Council is planning a revision of the catalog. A Book Fair was held in conjunction with National Library Week in April; in addition, various activities and programs were incorporated into the week's agenda. A workshop conducted by Mrs. Silvester and Mrs. Connelly was held for the faculty as the last in a series of four workshops to better acquaint the teachers with individualized instruction. This particular workshop taught the preparation of individualized instructional packages using print and non-print material. Three students participated in the Neighborhood Youth Corps program during the summer and were employed in the high school library. Their work consisted of filing, sorting, and labeling periodicals used as reference material in the library, typing and clerical duties and general overhaul of all the vertical files.

Cataloging of both print and non-print material is well underway for the school year 1972-73; great inroads have been made in getting material into circulation for students and faculty.

Circulation of print and non-print material has increased tremendously, for example:

	1969	1970	1971	1972	
September	293	891	1153	1519	Print
October	597	1132	1113	1685	Material
					Only

In September new faculty members participated in a workshop designed to acquaint them with the equipment and its proper function. Teachers were given the opportunity to become familiar with material in the Resource Center. During the month of October, individual appointments were scheduled with the new teachers to inform them of specific material in their particular subject area.

The film program has been reviewed and revised this year. Better selection has fostered a more educational program.

New acquisitions:

- video tape recorder
- paper cutter
- 16 mm Bell and Howell projector
- screen
- film loop projector

Periodicals and newspapers are being circulated in a more sophisticated manner. Daily records of incoming material are recorded in an alphabetical index. Faculty and students may now see at a glance exactly what material the Resource Center has available. Magazines have been given plastic covers and are arranged in alphabetical order for convenience.

Circulation and attendance are at an all-time high; theft and vandalism are just about non-existent. We are finding it increasingly difficult to seat the number of students who come to the library. A listening and viewing center is desperately needed, and we have discussed expansion into the present computer room for this purpose. We are developing programs and materials for both students and faculty use with exciting results! The Resource Center is open Monday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30.

Another area of activity during the past year has been a review and assessment of the recommendations made by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. A subcommittee composed of members of the School Committee together with the high school administration has reviewed each of the scores of recommendations made by the visiting committee in 1971. They have rejected some of the recommendations as invalid. The remaining recommendations they have ascribed levels of priorities to so that some orderly progress may be made to the improvement of our school. During this academic year, our high school principal will submit a further report to the New England Association of Schools and Colleges indicating the extent of progress that has been made in the matter of improvements.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR P. SILVESTER

Superintendent of Schools

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

	1972 <i>Approp.</i>	1972 <i>Expend.</i>	1973-74 <i>Approp.</i>
ADMINISTRATION			
Legal Services	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,461.25	\$ 3,500.00
Treasurer's Salary	1,380.00	1,380.00	2,070.00
Contracted Services	1,580.00	1,461.42	2,700.00
Treasurer's Supplies	400.00	143.06	450.00
School Committee Expenses	450.00	969.92	750.00
Treasurer's Bond	220.00	205.00	475.00
Newsletter	1,000.00	393.60	.....
Supt. & Asst. Supt. Salaries	19,581.00	18,860.46	31,421.00
Clerical Salaries	16,400.00	13,122.31	27,000.00
Contracted Services	1,600.00	1,278.49	2,700.00

Supt's Office Supplies	3,900.00	3,742.50	5,850.00
Supt's Other Expenses	1,000.00	769.77	1,350.00
	<u>\$ 48,511.00</u>	<u>\$ 43,787.78</u>	<u>\$ 78,266.00</u>

INSTRUCTION

Grade Level Coordinators	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,850.02	\$ 6,900.00
Supervision - Supplies	580.00	267.66	465.00
Supervision - Expenses	400.00	73.05	600.00
Evaluation/Consultants	500.00	187.20	.....
Princ. & Vice-Princ. Salaries	30,216.00	29,933.96	52,500.00
Clerical Salaries	18,780.00	17,358.32	30,000.00
Contracted Services	8,300.00	5,788.45	12,675.00
Principal - Supplies	2,200.00	2,060.20	3,680.00
Principal Other Expenses	2,750.00	1,397.64	2,250.00
Teachers' Salaries	558,514.00	525,684.79	996,951.00
Teacher Aides	15,200.00	13,127.70	26,400.00
Teacher - Special Class	8,108.00	8,740.07	13,343.00
Teachers - Home Instruction	2,400.00	103.49	3,600.00
Contracted Services	4,000.00	3,628.67	6,000.00
Teaching Supplies	21,000.00	18,454.46	31,500.00
Teachers' Expenses	2,240.00	1,130.02	2,300.00
Special Class Supplies	300.00	74.43	400.00
Special Class Other Expense	100.00	38.83	150.00
Textbooks	11,000.00	6,516.27	11,420.00
Textbooks - Special Class	400.00	.....	300.00
Librarian Salary	8,508.00	8,620.82	13,825.00
Library Clerk Salary	3,556.00	4,388.86	8,200.00
Library Supplies	10,000.00	9,563.94	15,000.00
Audio Visual Supplies	5,500.00	4,871.76	8,250.00
Audio Visual Special Class Supp.	300.00	74.16	450.00
Guidance Salaries	45,618.00	44,757.00	82,237.00
Guidance Clerk Salary	4,900.00	4,759.00	7,850.00
Contracted Services	1,516.00	621.35	1,400.00
Guidance Supplies	1,650.00	1,095.91	1,100.00
Guidance Other Expenses	600.00	590.12	800.00
	<u>\$774,136.00</u>	<u>\$717,758.59</u>	<u>\$1,340,546.00</u>

OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES

Attendance Officer's Salary	\$ 100.00	\$ 178.15	\$ 150.00
Attendance Officer's Expenses	63.00	.....	150.00
Health Salaries	8,503.00	8,400.89	14,250.00
Nurses Sub. Special Ed.	.....	31.50	100.00
Nurses Aide	100.00	42.00	150.00
Contracted Services	25.00	.....	.....
Health Supplies	250.00	289.45	375.00

Health Expenses	100.00	59.25	50.00
Leased Buses - Salaries	3,000.00	1,955.00	6,300.00
Leased Buses - Supplies	1,000.00	719.96	300.00
Pupil Transportation Cont.	148,113.00	149,884.50	235,346.00
Pupil Transportatino Field Trips	1,200.00	444.25	1,800.00
Pupil Transportation Sp. Class	7,475.00	7,840.00	15,500.00
Cafeteria Manager's Salary	6,819.00	6,588.23	10,520.00
Athletics	14,250.00	14,250.00	23,000.00
Other Activities	100.00	77.00	225.00
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	\$191,098.00	\$190,760.18	\$308,216.00

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF PLANT

Custodial Salaries	\$ 56,214.00	\$ 56,178.21	\$ 93,000.00
Custodial Supplies	5,825.00	5,760.17	15,975.00
Heat, Supt's Office	650.00	212.17	1,275.00
Heat, High School	27,000.00	27,626.88	72,000.00
Utilities, Supt's Office	1,250.00	2,456.88	3,510.00
Utilities, High School	9,000.00	17,491.51	5,000.00
Contract, Yards & Grounds	12,500.00	8,773.80	3,975.00
Supplies, Yards & Grounds	1,800.00	1,288.11	3,400.00
School Building Maint. - Night Watchman	.....	4,402.20	10,600.00
School Bldg. Maint. Supplies	3,200.00	1,822.66	5,240.00
School Equip. Maint. Contract	1,000.00	1,911.25	3,540.00
School Equip. Maint. Supplies	2,000.00	1,647.32	5,000.00
Equip. Maint. .Supt's Office	400.00	206.55	450.00
School Equip. Repairs	3,700.00	5,549.56	7,500.00
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	\$124,539.00	\$135,327.27	\$230,465.00

FIXED CHARGES

Franklin County Retirement	\$ 14,500.00	\$ 13,292.80	\$ 21,750.00
Insurance, Supt's Office	145.00	164.00	150.00
Insurance, High School	16,450.00	15,282.02	23,200.00
Rent, Supt's Office	1,080.00	1,620.00	2,880.00
Debt. Service Current Loan	8,000.00	3,153.36	11,000.00
32B Health Insurance	15,000.00	13,276.52	20,500.00
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	\$ 55,175.00	\$ 46,788.70	\$ 79,480.00

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Custodial Services	\$ 100.00	\$ 41.16	\$ 150.00
Other Expenses
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	\$ 100.00	\$ 41.16	\$ 150.00

ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSESTS

Acquisition & Improvement of School Building*	\$ 800.00	\$ 859.25
Acquisition of New Equip. Supt's Office	900.00	988.80	1,200.00
Acquisition of New Equip. High School	6,000.00	4,850.55	10,500.00
Acquis. New Equip. Special Class	1,500.00	1,500.00	700.00
Replacement of Equipment	7,000.00	5,698.86	9,500.00
*Transferred from Surplus per School Committee Action Meeting #174			
	<u>\$ 16,200.00</u>	<u>\$ 13,897.46</u>	<u>\$ 21,900.00</u>

DEBT RETIREMENT AND DEBT SERVICE

Debt Retirement Principal	\$145,000.00	\$145,000.00	\$145,000.00
Debt Retirement Interest	79,200.00	79,200.00	107,200.00
	<u>\$224,200.00</u>	<u>\$224,200.00</u>	<u>\$252,200.00</u>

TOTALS	\$ 1,433,959.00	\$ 1,372,561.14	\$ 2,311,223.00
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ATHLETIC REVOLVING FUND

Balance on Hand, Jan. 1	\$ 2,899.14
Receipts to Date	4,230.80
Total	<u>\$ 7,129.94</u>	<u>\$ 5,326.68</u>	<u>\$ 1,803.26</u>

BAND REVOLVING FUND

Balance on Hand, Jan. 1	\$ 243.35	.....	.....
Receipts to Date	1,133.35	.....	.....
Total	<u>\$ 1,376.70</u>	<u>\$ 1,189.23</u>	<u>\$ 187.47</u>

CAFETERIA REVOLVING FUND

Balance on Hand, Jan. 1	\$ 6,213.85	.....	.....
Receipts to Date	59,537.75	.....	.....
Total	<u>\$ 65,751.60</u>	<u>\$ 65,740.29</u>	<u>\$ 11.31</u>

VOCATIONAL BUDGET INSTRUCTION

Distributive Education Teacher's' Salary	.....	\$ 2,153.86	\$ 13,300.00
Adult Evening School Teachers' Salaries	\$ 2,100.00	2,664.00	4,455.00
Evening Dir. Salary	400.00	726.00	1,200.00

Distributive Ed. Supplies	.....	3.88	700.00
Disrtbutive Ed. Teacher Travel	.....	584.52	1,200.00
Adult Evening School Supplies	100.00	136.45	300.00

	<u>\$ 2,600.00</u>	<u>\$ 6,268.71</u>	<u>\$ 21,155.00</u>
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OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES

Vocational Day School Transp.	\$ 29,987.00	\$ 13,927.87	\$ 20,000.00
Vocational Day School Transp.			
Contracts	4,550.00	11,089.00	27,780.00
Distributive Ed. Field Trips	600.00

	<u>\$ 34,537.00</u>	<u>\$ 25,016.87</u>	<u>\$ 48,380.00</u>
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FIXED CHARGES

Rent, Crittenden School	\$ 600.00	\$ 765.00	\$ 1,000.00
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	<u>\$ 600.00</u>	<u>\$ 765.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>
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ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS

Distributive Education			
Acquis. of New Equipment	\$ 253.25	\$ 1,200.00

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OTHER DISTRICTS

Tuition, Vocational Day	\$ 34,100.00	\$ 29,141.62	\$ 40,000.00
Tuition, Evening Voc. Trade	250.00	42.00	400.00
Tuition, Evening Pract. Arts	200.00	240.00	340.00

	<u>\$ 34,550.00</u>	<u>\$ 29,423.62</u>	<u>\$ 40,740.00</u>
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TOTALS	\$ 72,287.00	\$ 61,727.45	\$112,475.00
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1973 SUMMARY — OPERATING BUDGET

Administration	\$ 52,726.00
Instruction	798,083.00
Other School Services	197,702.00
Operation of Plant	149,300.00
Fixed Charges	51,770.00
Community Services	100.00
Acquisition of Fixed Assets	15,000.00

TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET \$ 1,264,681.00

Less Anticipated Reimbursements from the

Commonwealth of Massachusetts	
Transportation	\$100,000.00
Special Class	11,000.00
From Surplus	35,000.00
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	\$146,000.00
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TO BE RAISED BY MEMBER TOWNS \$ 1,118,681.00

1973 ASSESSMENTS ON OPERATING BUDGET

<i>Town</i>	<i>1972 Number of Students</i>	<i>Per Cent of Total</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Ashfield	152	14.59%	\$ 163,215.56
Buckland	250	23.99%	268,371.58
Charlemont	104	9.98%	111,644.36
Colrain	184	17.66%	197,559.06
Hawley	27	2.59%	28,973.84
Heath	53	5.09%	56,940.86
Plainfield	35	3.36%	37,587.68
Rowe	27	2.59%	28,973.84
Shelburne	210	20.15%	225,414.22
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	1,042	100.00%	\$ 1,118,681.00

1974 SUMMARY — OPERATING BUDGET

Administration	\$ 25,540.00
Instruction	542,463.00
Other School Services	110,514.00
Operation of Plant	81,165.00
Fixed Charges	27,710.00
Community Services	50.00
Acquisition of Fixed Assets	6,900.00

TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET \$ 794,342.00

1974 ASSESSMENTS ON OPERATING BUDGET

<i>Town</i>	<i>1972 Number of Students</i>	<i>Per Cent of Total</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Ashfield	152	14.59%	\$ 115,894.50
Buckland	250	23.99%	190,562.64
Charlemont	104	9.98%	79,275.33
Colrain	184	17.66%	140,280.80
Hawley	27	2.59%	20,573.46
Heath	53	5.09%	40,432.01
Plainfield	35	3.36%	26,689.89
Rowe	27	2.59%	20,573.46
Shelburne	210	20.15%	160,059.91
	<hr/> 1,042	<hr/> 100.00%	<hr/> \$ 794,342.00

1973-74 SUMMARY — OPERATING BUDGET

	<i>1973</i>	<i>1974</i>	<i>Total Assessment</i>
Administration	\$ 52,726.00	\$ 25,540.00	\$ 78,266.00
Instruction	798,083.00	542,463.00	1,340,546.00
School Services	197,702.00	110,514.00	308,216.00
Operation of Plant	149,300.00	81,165.00	230,465.00
Fixed Charges	51,770.00	27,710.00	79,480.00
Community Services	100.00	50.00	150.00
Fixed Assets	15,000.00	6,900.00	21,900.00
OPERATING BUDGET	<hr/> \$ 1,264,681.00	<hr/> \$ 794,342.00	<hr/> \$ 2,059,023.00
Less Anticipated Reimbursements from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts			
Transportation	\$ 100,000.00	.....	\$ 100,000.00
Special Class	11,000.00	.....	11,000.00
From Surplus	35,000.00	.....	35,000.00
TO BE RAISED BY MEMBERS	<hr/> \$ 1,118,681.00	<hr/> \$ 794,342.00	<hr/> \$ 1,913,023.00

ASSESSMENTS ON OPERATING BUDGET

<i>Town</i>	<i>1972 Number of Students</i>	<i>Per Cent of Total</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Ashfield	152	14.59%	\$ 279,110.06
Buckland	250	23.99%	458,934.22
Charlemont	104	9.98%	190,919.69
Colrain	184	17.66%	337,839.86
Hawley	27	2.59%	49,547.30

Heath	53	5.09%	97,372.87
Plainfield	35	3.36%	64,277.57
Rowe	27	2.59%	49,547.30
Shelburne	210	20.15%	385,474.13
	1,042	100.00%	\$ 1,913,023.00

1973-74 SUMMARY — CAPITAL BUDGET

	Per Cents			
	As Per			Total
Town	Agreement	1973	1974	Assessment
Ashfield	11.9%	\$ 19,635.00	\$ 4,022.20	\$ 23,657.20
Buckland	19.3%	31,845.00	6,523.40	38,368.40
Charlemont	9.9%	16,335.00	3,346.20	19,681.20
Colrain	16.3%	26,895.00	5,509.40	32,404.40
Hawley	2.7%	4,455.00	912.60	5,367.60
Heath	4.3%	7,095.00	1,453.40	8,548.40
Plainfield	4.1%	6,765.00	1,385.80	8,150.80
Rowe	11.5%	18,975.00	3,887.00	22,862.00
Shelburne	20.0%	33,000.00	6,760.00	39,760.00
	100.0%	\$165,000.00	\$ 33,800.00	\$198,800.00

	1973	1974	Total
Principal Repayment	\$145,000.00	.....	\$145,000.00
Interest	73,400.00	\$ 33,800.00	107,200.00
	\$218,400.00	\$ 33,800.00	\$252,200.00

Less Construction			
Reimbursement from			
Commonwealth of			
Massachusetts	—53,700.00	.....	—53,400.00

TO BE RAISED BY			
MEMBER TOWNS	\$165,000.00	\$ 33,800.00	\$198,800.00

1973 VOCATIONAL BUDGET

Town	Greenfield	Smith	McCann	Total Students	Percent	Amount
	Voc. School	Voc. School	Voc. School			
Ashfield		2		2	8.0%	\$ 3,025.36
Buckland		1	1	2	8.0%	3,025.36
Charlemont	3	1	1	5	20.0%	7,563.40
Colrain	3	3		6	24.0%	9,076.08
Hawley	1	2		3	12.0%	4,538.04
Heath		1		1	4.0%	1,512.68
Plainfield		2		2	8.0%	3,025.36

Rowe			1	1	4.0%	1,512.68
Shelburne	1	1	1	3	12.0%	4,538.04
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	8	13	4	25	100.0%	\$ 37,817.00

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

Instruction	\$ 13,270.00
Other School Services	28,680.00
Fixed Charges	600.00
Acquisition of Fixed Assets	700.00
Other Districts	25,450.00
(January-December 1973)	<hr/>
1973 Vocational Budget	\$ 68,700.00
Anticipated Receipts	
Vocational Tuition	14,782.00
Vocational Transportation	14,378.00
Vocational Maintenance	1,723.00
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TO BE RAISED BY MEMBER TOWNS	\$ 37,817.00
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1974 VOCATIONAL BUDGET

	<i>Greenfield</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>McCann</i>			
	<i>Voc.</i>	<i>Voc.</i>	<i>Voc.</i>	<i>Total</i>		
<i>Town</i>	<i>School</i>	<i>School</i>	<i>School</i>	<i>Students</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Ashfield			2	2	8.0%	\$ 3,502.00
Buckland		1	1	2	8.0%	3,502.00
Charlemont	3	1	1	5	20.0%	8,755.00
Colrain	3	3		6	24.0%	10,506.00
Hawley	1	2		3	12.0%	5,253.00
Heath		1		1	4.0%	1,751.00
Plainfield		2		2	8.0%	3,502.00
Rowe			1	1	4.0%	1,751.00
Shelburne	1	1	1	3	12.0%	5,253.00
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	8	13	4	25	100.0%	\$ 43,775.00

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

Instruction	\$ 7,885.00
Other School Services	19,700.00
Fixed Charges	400.00
Acquisition of Fixed Assets	500.00
Other Districts	15,290.00
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1974 Vocational Budget (January-June 1974)	\$ 43,775.00

1973-74 SUMMARY — VOCATIONAL BUDGET

	1972		Jan.-Dec.	Jan.-June	Total
	Number of Students	Percent	1973	1974	Assessment
Ashfield	2	8.0%	\$ 3,025.36	\$ 3,502.00	\$ 6,527.36
Buckland	2	8.0%	3,025.36	3,502.00	6,527.36
Charlemont	5	20.0%	7,563.40	8,755.00	16,318.40
Colrain	6	24.0%	9,076.08	10,506.00	19,582.08
Hawley	3	12.0%	4,538.04	5,253.00	9,791.04
Heath	1	4.0%	1,512.68	1,751.00	3,263.68
Plainfield	2	8.0%	3,025.36	3,502.00	6,527.36
Rowe	1	4.0%	1,512.68	1,751.00	3,263.68
Shelburne	3	12.0%	4,538.04	5,253.00	9,791.04
	25	100.0%	\$ 37,817.00	\$ 43,775.00	\$ 81,592.00

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

Jan. 1973 - June 1974

	1973	1974	Total
Instruction	\$ 13,270.00	\$ 7,885.00	\$ 21,155.00
Other School Services	28,680.00	19,700.00	48,380.00
Fixed Charges	600.00	400.00	1,000.00
Acquisition of Fixed Assets	700.00	500.00	1,200.00
Other Districts	25,450.00	15,290.00	40,740.00
1973-1974 Vocational Budget	\$ 68,700.00	\$ 43,775.00	\$112,475.00
Anticipated Receipts			
Vocational Tuition	—14,782.00		—14,782.00
Vocational			
Transportation	—14,378.00		—14,378.00
Vocational Maintenance	— 1,723.00		— 1,723.00
TO BE RAISED BY			
MEMBER TOWNS	\$ 37,817.00	\$ 43,775.00	\$ 81,592.00

MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

TREASURER'S REPORT

To: The Mohawk Trail Regional School District Committee
From: F. Newton Miller

The results of the financial operation of the Mohawk Trail Regional School District for the year 1972 are shown below. It should be noted that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts still owes us about \$83,000 of the 1972 Transportation Reimbursement and that earnings on certificates of deposit are sharply lower because of deficiencies in this area throughout the year.

January 1, 1972 — Cash on Hand \$ 62,389.97

Received:

Town Assessments	\$ 1,248,776.00
Temporary Loans	832,000.00
Certificates of Deposit	170,000.00
Commonwealth of Massachusetts	
reimbursements	
Transportation	106,013.80
School Building Assistance	53,866.06
Vocational School Aid	14,966.00
Title II	993.53
Safety Program	13,570.00
School Lunch	19,870.44
Payroll Deductions	224,827.67
Revolving Funds	
School Lunch	39,717.31
School Athletics	3,524.30
School Music	1,939.85
Escrow Account (felton)	1,900.00
Reimbursements to 5,000 account	605.21
Evening School Fees	1,436.00
Interest on Certificates of Deposit	741.13
Misc. Accounts Receivable	363.10
Shop Projects	201.97
Payment for Damages	483.77
New England Telephone Commissions	161.59
Use of Buildings	211.25
Use of Materials	42.28
Reimbursement for Insurance	63.41
Rebates on Notes	57.08
Refunds	281.62

Miscellaneous Receipts	92.00	
Total Receipts		<u>\$ 2,736,705.37</u>
Total Cash and Receipts		\$ 2,799,095.34
Paid:		
Temporary Loans	\$ 832,000.00	
Certificates of Deposit	170,000.00	
Debt Retirement & Debt Service	224,200.00	
Operations		
Administration	43,787.78	
Instruction	717,758.59	
Other School Services	190,760.18	
Operation & Mtce. of Plant	135,327.27	
Fixed Charges	46,788.70	
Community Services	41.16	
Acquisition of Fixed Assets	13,897.46	
Vocational Education		
Transportation	25,016.87	
Tuition-Day	29,141.62	
Tuition-Evening	42.00	
Tuition-Practical Arts	240.00	
Evening School	6,631.96	
Rent	765.00	
Payroll Deductions	224,909.72	
Revolving Funds		
School Lunch	65,790.29	
School Athletics	5,426.68	
School Music	1,189.23	
Title II	983.70	
Title V	14.60	
Total Payments	\$ 2,734,712.81	
Adjustment	.27	
		<u>\$ 2,734,713.08</u>
Cash on Hand — January 1, 1973		64,382.26
		<u>\$ 2,799,095.34</u>

Respectfully submitted,

F. NEWTON MILLER

Treasurer

MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Balance Sheet — February 17, 1972

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

<i>ASSETS</i>		<i>LIABILITIES and RESERVES</i>	
General:		Federal Grants:	
Shelburne Falls Natl. Bank	\$ 55,458.84	ESEA Title II	\$ 12.36
First Natl. Bank of Fr. Cty.	8,923.42	NDEA Title V	715.63
			<u>\$ 727.99</u>
		Revolving Funds:	
		School Lunch	\$ 11.31
		School Athletics	1,803.26
		School Music	187.47
			<u>\$ 2,002.04</u>
		Escrow Account (Felton)	\$ 1,900.00
		Non-Revenue Accounts:	
		Architects Fees	\$ 21.93
		Equipment - Capital	69.29
			<u>\$ 91.22</u>
		Surplus:	\$ 59,661.01
			<u>\$ 64,382.26</u>
	\$ 64,382.26	Total	\$ 64,382.26

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt	\$ 1,835,000.00	School Construction	\$ 1,835,000.00
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Proposed: 3/1972

Adopted: 4/1972

BUCKLAND-COLRAIN-SHELBURNE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
HAWLEMONT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENCY UNION #65

SCHOOL CALENDAR

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
SEPTEMBER (19)						
				1	2	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

Labor Day - September 4
Faculty Meetings - Sept. 5th
(morning in all schools)
Classes begin 1:00 P.M.
NOVEMBER (20)

			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

Thanksgiving - November 23 & 24
JANUARY (22)

	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

MARCH (22)

				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

MAY (22)

		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Memorial Day - May 28

SCHOOL YEAR 1972-1973

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
OCTOBER (20)						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Columbus Day - October 9
Veterans Day - October 23

DECEMBER (16)

					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

Christmas Vac. - Dec. 25 - Jan. 1
FEBRUARY (15)

				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28			

Mid-Winter Vac. - Feb. 19 - 23
APRIL (16)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

Spring Vac. - April 16 - 20
JUNE (13)

					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

School Closes - June 19

SCHOOL CALENDAR TOTAL: 185 DAYS

Half-session days are: Tuesday, September 5, Wednesday, November 22 & Tuesday, June 19. Curriculum workshops may be voted by individual sch. comm. subsequently
Graduation: Sunday, June 3, 1973.

TOWN WARRANT

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Franklin ss:

To any of the Constables of the Town of Ashfield, in the County of Franklin, Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and Town Affairs, to meet in the Town Hall, in said Ashfield, on Saturday, the third day of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon then and there to act on the following articles:

ART. 1. To choose a Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Auditor, Constable and Tree Warden for one year. One selectman and Member of the Board of Public Welfare, One Assessor, One member of the Ashfield School Committee, Tax Collector and a Park Commissioner for three years. A Library Trustee and One Planning Board Member for five years. All on one ballot and to choose all other necessary Town Officers. Polls may be closed at 3:00 P.M.

ART. 2. To act on the reports of the Town Officers.

ART. 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the use of the Tree Warden to include necessary spraying, or act relative thereto.

ART. 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the use of the Board of Health.

ART. 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury the sum of \$4,750 under Chapter 90. Said money to be used on the West Road or Spruce Corner Road, or both, in conjunction with any money which may be allotted by the State or County, or both, for this purpose or act relative thereto.

ART. 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury the sum of \$10,000.00 under Chapter 90 Maintenance. Said money to be used in conjunction with any money which may be allotted by the State or County, or both, for this purpose, or act relative thereto.

ART. 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury the sum of \$3,900.00 under Chapter 81. Said money to be used in conjunction with any money which may be allotted by the State for this purpose, or act relative thereto.

ART. 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury a sum of money for winter roads.

ART. 9. To see if the Town will vote to appoint the Selectmen and Assessors as the Finance Committee or take any action relative thereto.

ART. 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the following departments for the ensuing 18 months. The following sums are recorded by the Finance Committee:

Ashfield Police Department	\$ 2,250.00
Assessors' Expense	500.00
Bonds	912.00
Bridges & Railings	200.00
Care of Soldiers' Graves	175.00
Elections	250.00
Fires & Equipment	3,450.00
Franklin County Retirement System	12,076.80
Heating Town Hall & Fire House	1,300.00
Highway Dept.—Paid Vacations & Holidays	3,700.00
—Sick Leave	1,170.00
Inspection of Animals	125.00
Insurance of Town Buildings & Equipment	7,546.00
Office Expense	6,000.00
Printing Town Reports & Ballots	
Registrars	300.00
Street Lights	3,100.00
Town Counsel	1,000.00
Town Dump	8,500.00
Town Hall	2,000.00
Town Officers	6,825.00
Veterans' Benefits	4,500.00
Western Franklin Veterans' Center,	
Maintenance	1,663.20
Workmen's Compensation	3,400.00

ART. 11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow in

anticipation of the revenue for the eighteen month period beginning January 1, 1973 in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and acts in amendment thereof, and including in addition thereto, Chapter 849 of the Acts of 1969, as amended, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

ART. 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$1,350.00 for the salary of the Town Clerk for the ensuing eighteen month period, or act relative thereto.

ART. 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$1,800.00 for the salary of the Town Treasurer for the ensuing eighteen month period, or act relative thereto.

ART. 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than the sum of \$400.00 for Memorial Day, or act relative thereto.

ART. 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than the sum of \$750.00 for Park and Beach maintenance, or act relative thereto.

ART. 16. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to contract with the Ashfield Water Company for the use of hydrants for fire protection and to raise and appropriate not more than the sum of \$562.50 for that purpose.

ART. 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than the sum of \$1,600.00 for a Life Guard and a Swimming Instructor for the Town Beach.

ART. 18. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of any used Town owned equipment, or act relative thereto.

ART. 19. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the balance of the 1972 Machinery Earnings (\$5,529.45) and the balance of the 1972 Machinery Expense Account (\$128.88) to the 1973-74 Machinery Expense Account to be used for the purpose of purchasing, repairing and operating road machinery, or act relative thereto.

ART. 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$81.05 to pay an unpaid 1972 bill at Graves Equipment, Inc., or act relative thereto.

ART. 21. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 from Overlay Surplus for a Reserve Fund, or act relative thereto.

ART. 22. To see if the Town will vote to accept the list of jurors as prepared by the Selectmen.

ART. 23. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the 1972 Ambulance Earnings and Gifts (\$2,586.81) and the balance of the 1972 Ambulance Maintenance Fund (\$504.38) to the 1973 Ambulance Maintenance Fund to be used to maintain, equip and eventually replace the Town Ambulance, or act relative thereto.

ART. 24. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Surplus Revenue the sum of \$20,000.00 for the purpose of financing State and County Grants for Chapter 81, Chapter 90 and Chapter 90 Maintenance Highway Work. Reimbursement, when received, to be returned to Surplus Revenue, or act relative thereto.

ART. 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for the use of the Conservation Commission.

ART. 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000.00 to pay the salary of the Police Chief for the ensuing eighteen months.

ART. 27. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Revenue Sharing Funds the sum of \$695.00 to purchase a Telephone-Call-Diverter for the Police Chief's telephone, or act relative thereto.

ART. 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than the sum of \$3,495.00 for the Town's share of the expenses of the Ashfield-Sunderland-Whately-Conway Public Health District, or act relative thereto.

ART. 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$309,294.62 (Operating \$279,110.06, Capital \$23,657.20, Vocational \$6,527.36) to pay the Town's

share of the 1973-74 capital cost and operation burget of the Mohawk Trail Regional School.

ART. 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise not more than the sum of \$308,087.60 for the support of public and vocational schools.

ART. 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$450.00 for the Salary and Expenses of the Director of Civilian Defense for the ensuing eighteen months, or act relative thereto.

ART. 32. To see if the Town will vote to raise \$1,000.00 to paint a portion of Sanderson Academy and to authorize the Selectmen and the Town Treasurer to draw on the Frederick A. Cross General Purpose Fund for this amount, or act relative thereto.

ART. 33. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Revenue Sharing Funds a sum of money to purchase a Dump Truck for the Highway Department, or act relative thereto.

EDWARD W. SCOTT

RAYMOND E. WARD, JR.

RALPH L. HOWES

Selectmen of Ashfield

NOTE: This warrant appears as a matter of information. The Official Town Warrant may contain changes and/or additions.

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

RECEIPTS 1972

Balance on hand January 1, 1972		\$161,615.79
Jane E. Ward - Collector:		
Taxes:		
1967 Personal Property	\$ 6.80	
1968 Personal Property	277.50	
Real Estate	511.13	
1969 Personal Property	328.58	
Real Estate	1,017.64	
1970 Personal Property	665.46	
Real Estate	4,107.00	
1971 Personal Property	2,161.08	
Real Estate	19,343.79	
1972 Personal Property	32,779.80	
Real Estate	241,958.82	
Motor Vehicle Excise:		
Levy of 1968	111.90	
Levy of 1969	46.60	
Levy of 1970	319.90	
Levy of 1971	9,871.09	
Levy of 1972	15,734.89	
Farm Excise:		
Levy of 1970	118.00	
Levy of 1971	373.35	
Levy of 1972	2,179.28	
Interest on Taxes and Excise	2,260.94	
Costs	378.00	
		\$334,551.55
Accounts Receivable:		
Veterans' Benefits	\$ 756.11	
Tuition	26,000.15	
		\$ 26,756.26
Aid to Highways:		
State		37,125.90
Temporary Loans		100,000.00
Blue Cross Refund		33.90
		\$498,467.61

Trust Fund Income:

Library:

Frederick A. Cross	\$ 263.99
M. M. Belding Jr.	113.15

Parks:

M. M. Belding Jr.	113.15
Whitney Street	127.19
Cemetery Funds	172.69
Fred Cross General Fund	\$ 165.77
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	\$ 2,590.17

Fred Crsos General Fund	\$ 165.77
Major W. King Charity	27.42
Eliza Miller Charity	27.42
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	\$ 220.61

Federal Withholding	\$ 24,366.48
State Withholding	5,885.83
County Retirement	4,000.06
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	2,088.22
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	\$ 36,340.59

School Lunch	\$ 12,820.67
Music Revolving Fund	80.00
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	\$ 12,900.67

Road Machinery Earnings		11,061.95
Dog Officer	\$ 88.00	
Dog Refund	381.29	
Dog Licenses	509.05	
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	\$	978.34

Ambulance Gifts	\$ 2,366.81
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Lawrence Jenkins	\$ 52.00
Linwood Streeter	5.00
Ernest Wing	2.00
Estelle Carter	103.00
Beatrice Devine	10.00
Ruth Merrill	10.00
Stephen Krasnoselsky	27.00
Veronica Schlosser	50.00
Karl Schneider	404.56
August Boyton	35.00
Frank Carter	157.00
Richard LaSalle	50.00
Fowler Pickhardt	193.00
Alfred Osterhus	55.00
Walter Whitney Sr.	430.00

Gifts	262.25	
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	\$ 2,586.81	
Ambulance Earnings		220.00
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		\$ 2,586.81

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS:

Selectmen's Licenses	\$ 594.60	
Building Permits	123.00	
Installers Permit	25.00	
Disposal Permits	53.00	
Pistol Permits	110.00	
I.D. Cards	2.00	
Permit Charge	5.00	
Zoning & By-Laws	2.00	
Fire Arms Permits	4.00	
Gun Applications	26.00	
Raffle Permit	10.00	
Hall Rental	120.00	
Public Health Nurse	437.31	
Appeals Board Fee	55.00	
Use of Town Equipment	571.25	
Transportation Reimbursement	2.00	
Interest Refund	30.22	
Highway Refund	32.70	
Miscellaneous Sales	372.82	
Ambulance	225.00	
Bicentennial Books	5.00	
Town Histories	51.37	
Town Report	3.00	
Road Map	1.00	
Court Fines	15.00	
Income Savings Deposits	933.13	
Income Certificate of Deposits	706.25	
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		\$ 4,515.65

Comm. of Mass.

Chapter 70	\$ 78,049.62
Chapter 69-71	3,039.00
Regional School District	8,303.99
Education Transportation 71-7A	21,725.47
Occup. Transportation 74-8A	568.00
Tuition - Public Welfare 76-10	1,943.40
Library Extension Title II ESEA	317.90
Valuation Basis	2,474.75
Machinery Basis	311.49
Civil Defense	151.80

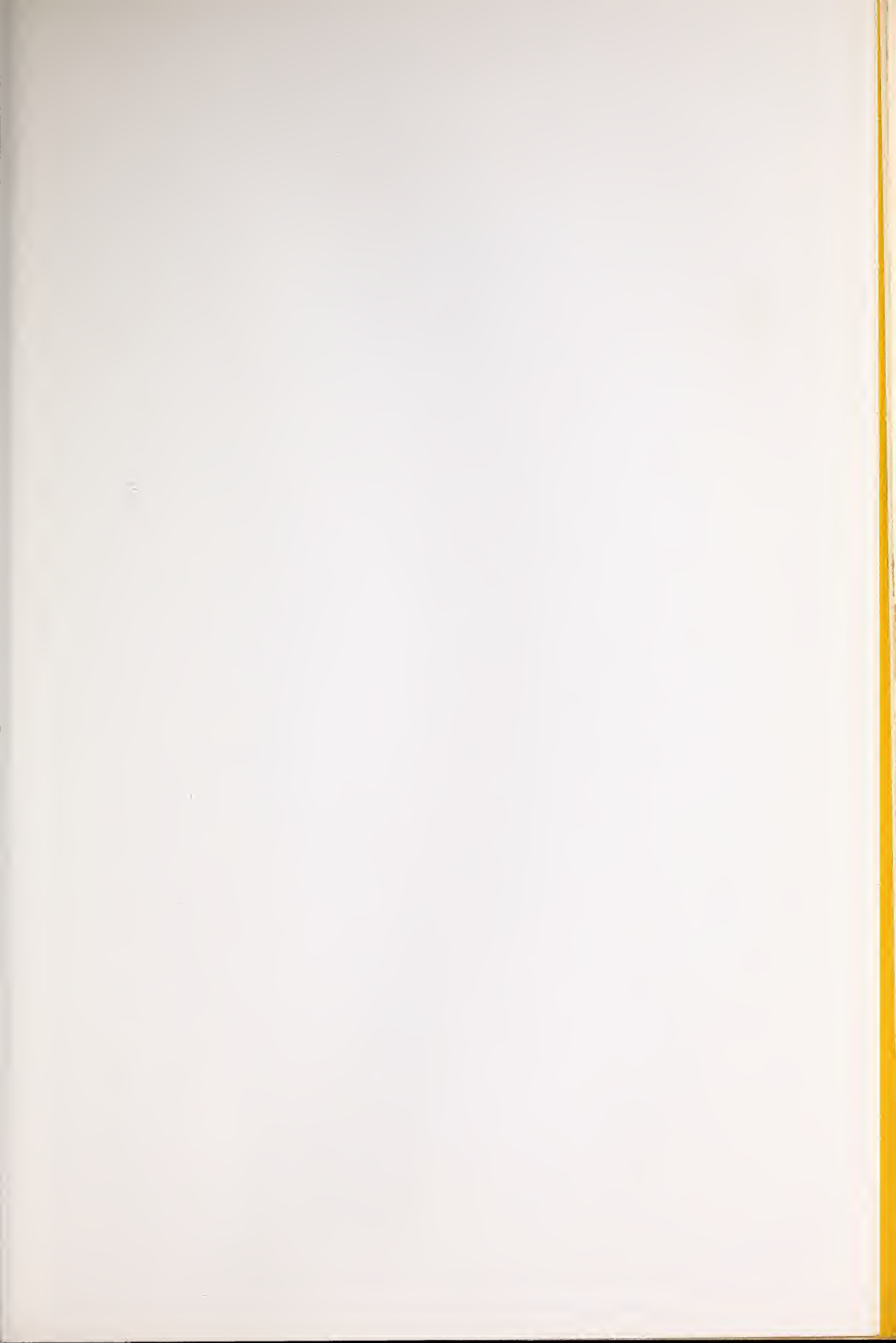
Dept. of Public Works (Plowing)	1,376.50	
Highway Fund 58-18	47,532.89	
Animal Inspector	62.50	
Lieu of Taxes	302.82	
Lottery	3,900.47	
	<hr/>	\$170,060.60
Revenue Sharing		13,536.00
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		\$183,596.60
Sheet 2, Col. 1, Estimated Receipts	\$ 4,515.65	
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	<hr/>	\$753,259.00
Cash on Hand		161,615.79
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		\$914,874.79
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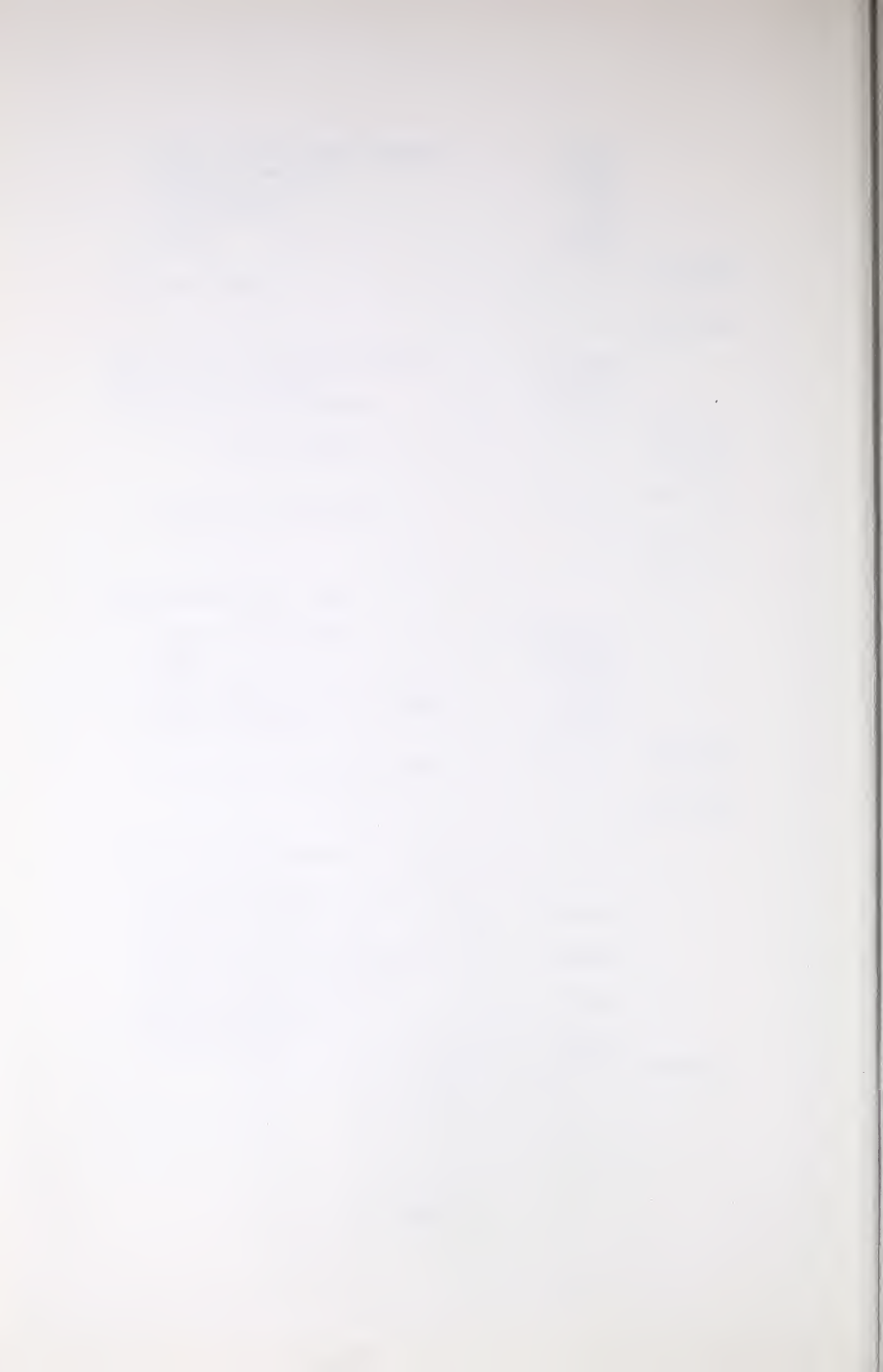
DISBURSEMENTS - 1972

Selectmen's Warrants	\$548,563.19	
School	179,672.05	
School Lunch	13,262.75	
Library Extension Title II ESEA	317.90	
Revenue Sharing	13,536.00	
	<hr/>	\$755,351.89
Cash Balance December 31, 1972		159,522.93
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		\$914,874.82

CASH BALANCE 12-31-72

Shelburne Falls National Bank		
Checking Account	\$ 97,350.48	
Certificate of Deposit #284		
Issued 11-9-72 due 3-30-73 4½ %	50,000.00	
Shelburne Falls Savings Bank		
Account #18619	7,219.69	
Conway Savings Bank		
Account #8411	4,952.76	
	<hr/>	\$159,522.93









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TOWN OF

ASHFIELD

MASSACHUSETTS



**For the Year Ending
December 31st**

1973



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OF

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Of The Town Of

ASHFIELD

MASSACHUSETTS



For The Year Ending

1973

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of the

Board of Directors

of the

Company



for the year ending
1913

TOWN OFFICERS

MODERATOR

LINWOOD B. LESURE

TREASURER

JANE E. WARD

CLERK

ELEANOR M. WARD

SELECTMEN, BOARD OF HEALTH

EDWARD W. SCOTT	Term expires 1974
RALPH L. HOWES	Term expires 1975
RUSSELL V. LOOMIS	Term expires 1976

ASSESSORS

MALCOLM S. CLARK	Term expires 1974
RALPH L. HOWES	Term expires 1975
WARREN M. CHASE	Term expires 1976

SANDERSON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

ROBERT S. ROBERTSON	Term expires 1974
DOROTHY D. CRAFT	Term expires 1975
BARBARA V. ZALENSKI	Term expires 1976

MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

ROBERT S. ROBERTSON	Term expires 1974
CLEMENT H. RECORD	Term expires 1974

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

ANN LILLY	Term expires 1974
HOPE PACKARD	Term expires 1975
WILLIAM FITZGERALD	Term expires 1976
WALTER A. WHITNEY, JR.	Term expires 1977
LYNN W. LESURE	Term expires 1978

FINANCE COMMITTEE

EDWARD W. SCOTT	Term expires 1974
WARREN M. CHASE	Term expires 1974
MALCOLM S. CLARK	Term expires 1974
RALPH L. HOWES	Term expires 1974
RUSSELL V. LOOMIS	Term expires 1974

PARK COMMISSION

CLIFTON E. PEASE	Term expires 1974
ARMOND J. LaBELLE, JR.	Term expires 1975
WALTER E. TIRRELL	Term expires 1976

TAX COLLECTOR

JANE E. WARD	Term expires 1976
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CHIEF OF POLICE

WALTER D. ZALENSKI

CONSTABLES

EUGENE POISSANT, JR.	Term expires 1974
WARREN KIRKPATRICK	Term expires 1974
WALTER D. ZALENSKI	Term expires 1974

AUDITOR

P. JORDAN MONOHON

TREE WARDEN and MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

RAMON R. SEARS

PLANNING BOARD

CHARLES P. BUCK	Term expires 1974
PAULINE J. NYE	Term expires 1975
RALPH S. PEASE	Term expires 1976
BEATRICE V. HOWES	Term expires 1977
DOUGLAS M. ANGLEMAN	Term expires 1978

BOARD OF APPEALS

KENNETH A. LILLY	Term expires 1974
RALPH E. TOWNSLEY	Term expires 1975
ROBERT P. KING	Term expires 1976
CLEMENT H. RECORD Associate member	Term expires 1974
O. S. GRUNDEN Associate member	Term expires 1975

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

ARTHUR L. WILLIAMS	Term expires 1974
LINWOOD B. LESURE	Term expires 1975
PHILIP DATER	Term expires 1976

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

JUNE E. FITZGERALD	HOWARD C. BARNES
PHILIP L. NOLAN, JR.	ELEANOR M. WARD

SURVEYORS OF WOOD and LUMBER

DONALD S. GRAVES	DONALD A. BURNETT
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FENCE VIEWERS

CHARLES C. GRAY

RUSSELL V. LOOMIS

DOG OFFICER

ROLAND D. TAYLOR

FIELD DRIVERS and POUND KEEPERS

MALCOLM S. CLARK

MERTON HOWES

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

ARTHUR P. SILVESTER

FIRE CHIEF and FOREST WARDEN

ROBERT VAN IDERSTINE

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

WILLIAM R. FITZGERALD

INSPECTOR OF WIRES

DOUGLAS H. NYE

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

RALPH W. GRAVES

BURIAL AGENT

NORMAN PIKE

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

We seem to have made it through 1973 rather well in spite of the State of Massachusetts.

The Great and General Court is continuously passing laws ordering us to do things and, at the same time due to their own incompetence, almost block us from carrying out their orders. Still unresolved is how to put out a yearly report in February, prior to Town Meeting, when the year doesn't end until June 30th. It looks like it will have to be just a report on a calendar year basis without any definite financial reports.

During the year another section of West Road was started and most of the rough work done. We then switched to Spruce Corner Road and a section was almost completely rebuilt right over the old roadbed. This seems to be a very satisfactory job and we intend to do the next section to the center of Spruce Corner this year. We also intend to continue working on West Road and Spruce Corner Road as well as Bug Hill Road and Bear Swamp Road until they are completed. Most of the work done has been by our own highway department and they have been doing a very commendable job.

A new highway department truck was approved last year and after calling for bids, a new Ford L8000 Diesel was purchased on the recommendation of the highway department. It arrived in the fall and seems to be very satisfactory.

This year we are including in the warrant an article requesting a new pickup for the highway department. We feel that the old one has reached the point of costing more to maintain than it is worth.

The Ambulance, Fire and Police departments continue to do a very good job and we are thankful for such dedicated department heads. As for the Police department, we are including an article in the warrant to pay the salary of a full-time police chief. Anyone and everyone who is close to the actual details of the chief's work realizes that he is on call and actually working all hours of the day and night. The total number of hours he puts in are amazing and it has reached the point that he is now unable to fulfill his custodial duties at the school. We therefore feel that now is the time for a full-time Police Chief and recommend this to the town.

Construction of new buildings in Ashfield is on the rise and the growth is noted in that thirty-three building permits were issued in 1973, seventeen of these for new homes, the balance were for additions to, storage sheds and/or garages. There were 25 permits granted for

the construction of disposal systems and were installed and inspected.
In closing, we wish to thank everyone for doing their jobs well.

RUSSELL V. LOOMIS
RALPH L. HOWES
EDWARD W. SCOTT
Selectmen of Ashfield

AMBULANCE FUND

Earnings & Gifts for 1972		\$ 2,586.81
Balance of 1972 Ambulance Fund		504.38
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Elmer's Store	\$ 7.84	
Merriam Graves Corp.	42.05	
Dyna Med., Inc.	122.42	
Jeff's Auto Body	49.50	
Alice Whitney — Blanket	9.11	
Keyes Hardware	.69	
James Cleary	50.00	
Parks Superior Sales	10.93	
Allied Surgical	19.00	
Massamont Insurance Co.	382.95	
Ken's Cleaners	29.85	
	<hr/>	\$ 724.34
Unexpended Balance @ Dec. 31, 1973		<hr/> \$ 2,366.85

ASHFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Appropriation		\$ 136.65
Ashfield Historical Society	\$ 136.65	

ASHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Appropriation		\$308,087.60
Expended	\$184,113.15	184,113.15
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Unexpended Balance @ Dec. 31, 1973		\$123,974.45

ASSESSORS' EXPENSE

Appropriation		\$ 500.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		8.44
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		\$ 508.44

Mass. Assoc. of Assessors, Dues	\$	21.00	
Mileage & supplies		137.44	
Typing & secretarial		350.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 508.44

BONDS

Appropriation		\$	912.00
Massamont Insurance Agency	\$	465.00	465.00
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Unexpended Balance @ Dec. 31, 1973		\$	447.00

BRIDGES & RAILINGS

Appropriation		\$	200.00
Unexpended Balance @ Dec. 31, 1973		\$	200.00

CARE OF SOLDIERS' GRAVES

Appropriation		\$	175.00
Unexpended Balance @ Dec. 31, 1973		\$	175.00

CHAPTER 81

Appropriation		\$	3,900.00
State Allotment			20,751.00
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		\$	24,651.00

Labor	\$	9,402.30	
Wm. C. Whitehouse		1,134.00	
Warner Bros. — Hot patch		1,042.91	
Harold Roberts — gravel		85.40	
C. W. Ward, Inc.		492.00	
A. Linwood Williams — gravel		924.00	
Bill Willard, Inc. — Stone		212.30	
All States Asphalt, Inc.		561.74	
Westhampton Sand & Gravel		95.18	
Plainfield Contracting		563.00	
John J. Hudson, Inc. — tar		267.40	
Town Owned Equipment		5,126.45	
		<hr/>	\$ 19,906.68
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Unexpended Balance @ Dec. 31, 1973		\$	4,744.32

CHAPTER 90 — CONSTRUCTION 1969

West Road

Unexpended Balance as of January 1, 1973		\$	15,987.29
Wm. C. Whitehouse	\$	2,385.00	

C. W. Ward, Inc.	1,374.00	
C. A. Denison — lumber	36.00	
Keyes Hardware	25.35	
John Smith — chipper	237.00	
Northeast Culvert Co.	134.75	
A. Linwood Williams — gravel	71.60	
Belding Memorial Park — gravel	113.80	
Labor	6,864.55	
Town Owned Equipment	2,800.05	
	<hr/>	\$ 14,042.10

Unexpended Balance @ Dec. 31, 1973	\$ 1,945.19
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CHAPTER 90 — CONSTRUCTION 1970

Unexpended Balance @ Dec. 31, 1973	\$ 29,000.00
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CHAPTER 90 — CONSTRUCTION 1971

Unexpended Balance @ Dec. 31, 1973	\$ 9,000.00
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CHAPTER 90 — CONSTRUCTION 1972

Unexpended Balance @ Dec. 31, 1973	\$ 9,000.00
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CHAPTER 90 — CONSTRUCTION 1973

Spruce Corner Road

Appropriation	\$ 4,750.00
County Allotment	4,750.00
State Allotment	9,500.00
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	\$ 19,000.00

C. W. Ward, Inc.	\$ 4,590.00
Plainfield Contracting	4,845.50
Westhampton Sand & Gravel — stone	133.43
Keyes Hardware	49.10
Warner Bros.	194.30
Wm. C. Whitehouse	630.00
Wallace Stroheker	9.10
Tobin Bros.	343.98
Amco Steel	1,676.39
A. Linwood Williams — gravel	739.25
John J. Hudson	1,334.60
Agway, Inc.	99.00
Belding Memorial Park — gravel	9.10
Labor	2,962.70

Town Owned Equipment	1,025.80	
	<hr/>	\$ 18,642.25

Unexpended Balance @ Dec. 31, 1973		\$ 357.75
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CHAPTER 90 — MAINTENANCE

Appropriation		\$ 10,000.00
County Allotment		10,000.00
State Allotment		10,000.00
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		\$ 30,000.00

Warner Bros. — concrete, patch, etc.	\$ 1,876.18	
Bill Willard, Inc.	2,197.21	
Westhampton Sand & Gravel	497.14	
All States Asphalt, Inc.	1,117.73	
John J. Hudson, Inc.	202.15	
C. W. Ward, Inc.	540.00	
Wm. C. Whitehouse	1,730.00	
Plainfield Contracting	1,024.00	
Labor	8,005.75	
Town Owned Equipment	3,811.45	
	<hr/>	\$ 21,001.61

Unexpended Balance @ Dec. 31, 1973		\$ 8,998.39
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CHAPTER 497 — HIGHWAY FUND

Appropriation		\$ 7,000.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		51.25
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		\$ 7,051.25

1788 Yard	\$ 19.30	
Armco Steel Corp.	684.05	
John Smith — chipper	27.00	
C. W. Ward, Inc.	90.00	
Wm. C. Whitehouse	417.00	
Tobin Bros.	50.00	
Labor	5,122.50	
Town Owned Equipment	641.40	
	<hr/>	\$ 7,051.25

CIVIL DEFENSE

Unexpended Balance forward from 1972		\$ 96.58
Fairbrother Radio Service	\$ 38.00	
Mileage	9.30	
	<hr/>	\$ 47.30

Unexpended Balance @ Dec. 31, 1973		\$ 49.28
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CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR

Appropriation		\$	450.00
Raymond Reniff	\$	300.00	300.00
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Unexpended Balance @ Dec. 31, 1973		\$	150.00

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Appropriation		\$	100.00
Mass. Association Dues	\$	15.00	
A. Linwood Williams — sign		73.60	
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		\$	88.60
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Unexpended Balance @ Dec. 31, 1973		\$	11.40

DEED — LANDFILL DUMP

Appropriation		\$	400.00
Unexpended Balance @ Dec. 31, 1973		\$	400.00

DUMP

Appropriation		\$	8,500.00
Wallace Stroheker, attendant	\$	4,219.00	
Fill		225.90	
Wood		49.00	
Plowing		30.00	
Margaret Dean — rent		125.00	
Labor		455.60	
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		\$	5,104.50
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Unexpended Balance @ Dec. 31, 1973		\$	3,395.50

LAND PURCHASE — LANDFILL DUMP

Unexpended Balance (forward from 1972)			
@ Dec. 31, 1973		\$	500.00

ELECTION OFFICERS

Appropriation		\$	250.00
Norman Nye	\$	21.78	
Walter Doneilo		18.43	
Charles Williams		21.78	
Clement Record		21.78	
Philip Steinmetz		3.35	
Eleanor Ward		21.78	
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		\$	108.90
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Unexpended Balance @ Dec. 31, 1973		\$	141.10

FIRES & EQUIPMENT

Appropriation		\$ 3,450.00
Payroll	\$ 629.30	
Insurance	222.00	
Fire Phone	440.04	
Station Phone	242.44	
Postage	7.87	
Travel Expenses	30.30	
Training	35.00	
Supplies	211.80	
Bottle gas	70.88	
Water	7.50	
Equipment	714.12	
Tri-State Dues	25.25	
N.F.P.A. Dues	35.00	
Truck & equipment repairs	274.42	
Radio repairs	167.58	
	<hr/>	\$ 3,113.50
Unexpended Balance @ Dec. 31, 1973		<hr/> \$ 336.50

GRAVES EQUIPMENT — UNPAID 1972 BILL

Appropriation		\$ 81.05
Graves Equipment	\$ 81.05	

BOARD OF HEALTH

Appropriation		\$ 100.00
John Brickett	\$ 6.00	6.00
Unexpended Balance @ Dec. 31, 1973		<hr/> \$ 94.00

HEATING TOWN BUILDINGS

Appropriation		\$ 1,300.00
Leo J. Burniske, Inc.	\$ 797.63	797.63
Unexpended Balance @ Dec. 31, 1973		<hr/> \$ 502.37

HIGHWAY DEPT. — NEW DUMP TRUCK

Appropriation from Revenue Sharing		\$ 15,000.00
Doty Ford Sales, Inc.	\$ 13,900.00	
Reliable Welding	850.00	
	<hr/>	14,750.00
Unexpended Balance returned to Revenue Sharing		<hr/> \$ 250.00

HIGHWAY DEPT. — PAID VACATIONS & HOLIDAYS

Appropriation		\$ 3,700.00
Expended	\$ 3,304.80	3,304.80
Unexpended Balance @ Dec. 31, 1973		\$ 395.20

HIGHWAY DEPT. — SICK LEAVE

Appropriation		\$ 1,710.00
Unexpended Balance forward from 1972		1,278.45
		\$ 2,988.45
Expended	\$ 890.55	890.55
Unexpended Balance @ Dec. 31, 1973		\$ 2,097.90

INSPECTION OF ANIMALS

Appropriation		\$ 125.00
William R. Fitzgerald	\$ 125.00	

INSURANCE ON TOWN BUILDINGS & EQUIPMENT

Appropriation		\$ 7,546.00
Massamont Insurance Agency	\$ 3,912.79	3,912.79
Unexpended Balance @ Dec. 31, 1973		\$ 3,633.21

INTEREST ON TEMPORARY LOANS

Appropriation from Overlay Surplus		\$ 1,430.84
(Special Town Meeting, December 17, 1973)		
Expended	\$ 1,430.84	

LIFEGUARD & SWIMMING INSTRUCTION

Appropriation		\$ 1,600.00
Suzanne Short	\$ 1,222.00	
Ronald Coler	86.00	
Ivy Tirrell	72.00	
		\$ 1,380.00
Unexpended @ Dec. 31, 1973		\$ 220.00

MACHINERY EXPENSE ACC'T.

Transferred Balance of 1972 Machinery Earnings	\$ 430.91
Transferred Balance of 1972 Machinery Expense Acc't.	126.88

Appropriation	10,000.00
Appropriation from Overlay Surplus (Special Town Meeting, December 17, 1973)	5,000.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund	143.67

\$ 15,701.46

Cowan Auto Supply	\$ 292.52
Sears & Roebuck	41.96
Art's Tire Service	14.00
ASAP Electrical	287.22
E. F. Edson Co.	281.36
Graves Equipment	206.39
H. B. Allen, Inc.	34.65
Franklin Auto Supply	49.13
New England Telephone	134.16
Keyes Hardware	182.54
Norm's Service Station	36.56
Bernardston Equipment	102.26
Foster & Co., Inc.	81.41
West. Mass. Electric	86.00
Robert J. Ormond	370.10
Rugg Lumber	32.15
Dalton Tractor	86.30
Helm, Inc.	9.45
Ashfield Motor Sales	101.24
Lawrence Baum	246.57
Northampton Radiator	178.00
Labbee Chevrolet, Inc.	22.62
Winslow Radiator	20.00
Roger Pearce	1.35
Blyda Ford Sales	38.11
Baker Pharmacy	1.06
R. H. Nye	72.50
Ralph Whiteman	172.87
Central Auto Body	58.75
Leo J. Burniske, Inc.	4,545.91
Tri County Contracting	1,492.08
Share Corp.	471.46
C. W. Ward, Inc.	546.49
Sweeney Ford Sales	542.05
Shelburne Falls Garage	283.01
Premier Fastner	374.82
O'Brien Highway Products	6.00
Interstate Equipment	65.33
I. Kramer & Sons	104.18
Gulf Oil Corp.	337.75

Purinton's Welding	295.88	
Ashfield Water Co.	9.00	
P. O. Brand Co.	135.51	
Pay Roll	2,140.25	
Nap's Texaco	16.51	
Samuel Davis	1,094.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 15,701.46

MEMORIAL DAY

Appropriation		\$ 400.00
Veterans' Service Center — flags	\$ 36.00	
Doris Howes — geraniums	33.00	
American Legion Aux. — Ashfield	25.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 94.00
Unexpended Balance @ Dec. 31, 1973		\$ 306.00

MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL — CAPITAL & OPERATING

Appropriation		\$309,294.62
Expended	\$262,900.41	262,900.41
		<hr/>
Unexpended Balance @ Dec. 31, 1973		\$ 46,394.21

DISTRICT NURSE — ASHFIELD SHARE

Appropriation		\$ 3,495.00
Salary	\$ 1,404.72	
Mileage & supplies	447.64	
Office Rental — Town of Sunderland	80.00	
Barbara Zalenski, typing	12.43	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,944.79
Unexpended Balance @ Dec. 31, 1973		\$ 1,550.21

OFFICE EXPENSE

Appropriation		\$ 6,000.00
Registry of Deeds	\$ 163.00	
Postage & Supplies	157.42	
Greenfield Recorder — Public notices	378.31	
InterTec Publishing	5.10	
Hobbs & Warren — Printed forms	270.93	
Typing & secretarial	1,606.25	
New England Telephone	236.07	
Shelburne Falls Savings	10.50	

Barrett & Baker — Office supplies	121.15	
Vital Statistics — Fees	32.00	
Stamped envelopes	247.50	
Mass. Town Clerk's Dues	10.00	
Mass. Selectmen's Dues	75.00	
F. C. Selectmen's Dues	15.00	
Forbes Camera Shop	5.38	
Wire Inspections	19.00	
Girl Scouts — Town Report delivery	30.00	
E. A. Hall — stationery	18.50	
Warren Kirkpatrick	7.00	
Commonwealth of Mass.	55.00	
A. W. LaFond	145.27	
Selectmen's Expenses	21.00	
Joseph Mooney	25.00	
William Davis	10.00	
Mass. Fed. of Planning Boards	37.50	
Print Shop	65.00	
Florence Press	40.00	
Burroughs Corp.	383.15	
	<hr/>	\$ 4,190.03
Unexpended Balance @ Dec. 31, 1973		<hr/> \$ 1,809.97

OFFICE ADDITION

Unexpended Balance forwarded from 1972		\$ 1,520.04
R. H. Nye — electrical & heating	\$ 542.46	
A. Linwood Williams — Desk refinishing	30.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 572.46
Unexpended Balance @ Dec. 31, 1973		<hr/> \$ 947.58

PAINTING OF SANDERSON ACADEMY

Appropriation (Frederick Cross Fund)		\$ 1,000.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		99.35
		<hr/> \$ 1,099.35
William Gray	\$ 911.85	
Maurice Day	187.50	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,099.35

PARK & BEACH MAINTENANCE

Appropriation		\$ 750.00
Keyes Hardware	\$ 57.56	
Suzanne Short	28.00	

Brunelle, Inc.	39.90	
New England Telephone	72.44	
Day's Store	3.69	
Pay roll — labor	30.15	
C. W. Ward, Inc. — sand	26.25	
Dinn Bros	9.50	
Walter Tirrell — maintenance	50.00	
Western Mass. Electric	13.64	
	<hr/>	\$ 331.13
Unexpended Balance @ Dec. 31, 1973		<hr/> \$ 418.87

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation		\$ 2,250.00
Norm's Service Station	\$ 385.25	
Forbes Camera Shop	31.85	
Cromco Electronics Co.	123.65	
ASAP Electrical	18.00	
Larence Baum	14.40	
Elmer's Store	8.35	
Newshire Forms, Inc.	30.95	
New England Telephone	303.98	
Morgan Insurance Agency	108.00	
Vernon & Sons	18.72	
Payroll & mileage	699.00	
W. S. Darby & Co.	34.87	
Shelburne Falls Garage	228.85	
So. Deerfield Fire Equip.	9.00	
Keyes Hardware	3.69	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,018.56
Unexpended Balance @ 31, 1973		<hr/> \$ 231.44

POLICE CHIEF

Appropriation from Revenue Sharing		\$ 6,000.00
Walter D. Zalenski	\$ 4,490.16	4,490.16
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Unexpended Balance @ Dec. 31, 1973		\$ 1,509.84

POLICE TELEPHONE-CALL-DIVERTER

Appropriation from Revenue Sharing		\$ 695.00
Electronics Concepts Lab., Inc.	\$ 681.10	681.10
Unexpended Balance returned to Revenue Sharing		<hr/> \$ 13.90

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Appropriation		\$	300.00
Howard Barnes	\$	25.00	
June Fitzgerald		25.00	
Philip Nolan, Jr.		25.00	
Eleanor Ward		75.00	
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Unexpended Balance @ Dec. 31, 1973		\$	150.00
		\$	150.00

RENT OF HYDRANTS

Appropriation		\$	562.50
Expended — Ashfield Water Co.	\$	390.00	390.00
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Unexpended Balance @ Dec. 31, 1973		\$	172.50

FRANKLIN COUNTY RETIREMENT SYSTEM — MAINTENANCE

Appropriation		\$	12,076.80
Expended	\$	12,076.80	

STREET LIGHTS

Appropriation		\$	3,100.00
Western Mass. Electric Co.	\$	2,104.42	2,104.42
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Unexpended Balance @ Dec. 31, 1973		\$	995.58

SUPPLEMENTAL COUNTY TAX

Appropriation from Overlay Surplus (Special Town Meeting, Dec. 17, 1973)		\$	1,463.27
Expended	\$	975.52	975.52
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Unexpended Balance @ Dec. 31, 1973		\$	487.75

TOWN COUNSEL

Appropriation		\$	1,000.00
Stoddard, Ball, Bartlett & Trudel	\$	553.63	553.63
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Unexpended Balance @ Dec. 31, 1973		\$	446.37

TOWN HALL

Appropriation		\$	2,000.00
Keyes Hardware	\$	34.17	
Western Mass. Electric		543.29	

So. Deerfield Fire Equip. Co.	90.00	
R. H. Nye	12.25	
H. A. Cranson & Son	26.42	
Douglas Cranson — janitor	386.00	
Kurt Van Iderstine	17.50	
Ashfield Water Co.	15.00	
Elmer's Store	3.64	
Eugene Poissant	19.95	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,148.22
Unexpended Balance @ Dec. 31, 1973		\$ 851.78

TOWN OFFICERS

Appropriation		\$ 6,825.00
Appropriation, Town Clerk		1,350.00
Appropriation, Town Treasurer		1,800.00
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		\$ 9,975.00
Linwood B. Lesure, Moderator	\$ 20.00	
Edward W. Scott, Selectman	500.00	
Ralph L. Howes, Selectman & Assessor	900.00	
Raymond Ward, Jr., Selectman	83.33	
Russell V. Loomis, Selectman	416.67	
Eleanor M. Ward, Town Clerk	900.00	
Jane E. Ward, Treasurer & Collector of Taxes x	1,900.00	
Malcolm S. Clark, Assessor	400.00	
Warren M. Chase, Assessor	400.00	
Robert Van Iderstine, Fire Chief	350.00	
Roland D. Taylor, Dog Officer	20.00	
P. Jordan Monohon, Auditor	20.00	
Roger B. Scott, School Committee	25.00	
Barbara V. Zalenski, School Committee	125.00	
Robert S. Robertson, School Committee	150.00	
Dorothy D. Craft, School Committee	150.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 6,360.00
Unexpended Balance @ Dec. 31, 1973		\$ 3,615.00

TOWN REPORTS & BALLOTS

Appropriation		\$ 1,750.00
E. A. Hall, Inc.	\$ 1,710.33	1,710.33
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Unexpended Balance @ Dec. 31, 1973		\$ 39.67

TREE WARDEN

Appropriation		\$ 2,500.00
Ramon R. Sears	\$ 505.35	
New England Tree Expert	316.16	
John T. Meehan	363.38	
Arthur Williams	269.88	
Joseph Thomas	96.00	
Dennis Morin	4.25	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,555.02
Unexpended Balance @ Dec. 31, 1973		<hr/> \$ 944.98

VETERANS' BENEFITS

Appropriation		\$ 4,500.00
Expended	\$ 3,630.63	3,630.63
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Unexpended Balance @ Dec. 31, 1973		\$ 869.37

VETERANS' CENTER — MAINTENANCE

Appropriation		\$ 1,663.20
Veterans' Center	\$ 1,108.80	1,108.80
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Unexpended Balance @ Dec. 31, 1973		\$ 554.40

WINTER ROADS

Appropriation		\$ 35,000.00
Chemical Corp. — Salt	\$ 2,334.92	
Leo J. Burniske, Inc.	1,115.67	
H. B. Allen, Inc.	8.88	
Ralph W. Whiteman	1,325.91	
ASAP Electrical	27.06	
Ramon Sears	58.00	
Wholesale Dist.	24.83	
C. W. Ward, Inc. — Equip. & garage use	1,231.34	
Graves Equipment	73.32	
Wm. C. Whitehouse	96.00	
A. Linwood Williams— Sand	476.35	
Labor	14,132.30	
	<hr/>	\$ 20,904.58
Unexpended Balance @ Dec. 31, 1973		<hr/> \$ 14,095.42

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION

Appropriation		\$ 3,400.00
Massamont Insurance Agency	\$ 1,905.00	1,905.00
Unexpended Balance @ Dec. 31, 1973		\$ 1,495.00

RESERVE FUND

Appropriation from Overlay Surplus		\$ 2,500.00
Assessors' Expenses	\$ 8.44	
Chapter 497 — Highway Fund	51.25	
Machinery Expense Acc't.	143.67	
Painting of Sanderson Academy	99.35	
		\$ 302.71
Unexpended Balance @ Dec. 31, 1973		\$ 2,197.29

SUMMARY OF SELECTMEN'S ORDERS

Abatements — Motor Vehicle	\$ 1,081.54
Abatements — Real Estate	1,330.30
Ambulance Fund	724.34
Ashfield Historical Society	136.65
Ashfield Public Schools — School Warrant	184,113.15
Assessors' Expenses	508.44
Bonds	465.00
Chapter 81 — Roads	19,906.68
Chapter 90 — Roads — Construction 1969	14,042.10
Chapter 90 — Roads — Construction 1974	18,642.25
Chapter 90 — Roads — Maintenance	21,001.61
Chapter 497 — Highway Fund	7,051.25
Charity	450.00
Civil Defense	47.30
Civil Defense Director	300.00
Commonwealth of Massachusetts:	
Motor Vehicle State Assessment	138.15
Pioneer Valley Air Pollution District	107.84
State Assessment System	52.40
State Audit	183.17
State Recreation Areas	4,016.98
Conservation Commission	88.60
Demands — Tax Collector	256.00
Dog Licenses — Treasurer, Franklin County	635.15

Dog Officer — Expenses	170.00
Dump	5,104.50
Election Officers	108.90
Fires & Equipment	3, 113.50
Graves Equip. — 1972 bill	81.05
William Hathaway Fund	20.00
Health, Board of	6.00
Heating — Town Buildings	797.63
Highway Dept. — New Truck	14,750.00
Highway Dept. — Paid Vacations & Holidays	3,304.80
Highway Dept. — Sick Leave	890.55
Inspection of Animals	125.00
Insurance — Town Buildings & Equipment	3,912.79
Interest on Temporary Loans	1,430.84
Lifeguard & Swimming Instruction	1,380.00
Machinery Expenses	15,701.46
Memorial Day	94.00
Mohawk Trail Regional High School	262,900.41
Nurse — Ashfield's Share	1,944.79
Office Expense	4,190.03
Office Addition	572.46
Painting — Sanderson Academy	1,099.35
Parks & Beach	331.13
Police Department	2,018.56
Police Chief's Salary	4,490.16
Police Tele-Call-Diverter	681.10
Registrars of Voters	150.00
Rent of Hydrants	390.00
Retirement System — Maintenance	12,076.80
Street Lights	2,104.42
Tax, Franklin County	20,941.76
Town Counsel	553.63
Town Hall	1,148.22
Town Officers	6,360.00
Town Reports & Ballots	1,710.33
Tree Warden	1,555.02
Veterans' Benefits	3,630.63
Veterans' Center — Maintenance	1,108.80
Winter Roads	20,904.58
Workmen's Compensation	1,905.00
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	\$679,037.10
Blue CrossBlue Shield Deductions	461.96
Certificate of Deposit	50,000.00
Income, Interest Returned to Acc'ts.:	
M. M. Belding Library	115.20
Cemetery Fund	173.23

Fred Cross Library	266.64
Fred Cross Fund	165.77
Major King Fund	27.42
Eliza Miller Fund	27.42
Income:	
Police — Special Duty	547.50
Loans, Temporary	95,000.00
Retirement System — Deductions	4,724.97
Taxes:	
Federal Withholding Tax — Deductions	12,520.03
State Withholding Tax — Deductions	6,924.33
Tax Collector — Check rec'd., Insufficient funds	1,108.85
TOTAL	\$851,100.42

EDWARD W. SCOTT
RALPH L. HOWES
RUSSELL V. LOOMIS
Selectmen of Ashfield

JURY LIST

Anderson, Bessie W.	Housewife
Broadhurst, Emory C.	Retired
Cassidy, Theresa A.	Housewife
Dater, Edith P.	Housewife
Doneilo, Phyllis M.	Housewife
Eldridge, Frank A.	Retired
Fitzgerald, June E.	Hairdresser
Gallerani, Sandra E.	Nurse
Graham, John K.	Co-Owner, Lake House
Guditis, Frank C.	Carpenter
Jourdan, Sherrill L.	Accountant
Kelley, Harrington W.	Mechanic
Krasnoselsky, John	Time study
Leete, Gurdon W.	Public relations
Muller, Richard G.	Leather worker
Sprague, Marguerite M.	Real Estate

BOARD OF ASSESSORS' REPORT

As of January 1, 1973 the Board added about \$1,850,000, or about 20.5 percent to the real estate base of Ashfield. The total addition during the seven years between the major revaluation, January 1, 1966, and January 1, 1973, became thus about \$6,199,000, or 123 percent.

During 1973 there were 78 "arms-length" real property transfers, raising the total of such transfers, 1963 to 1973 inclusive, the years of the rapidly growing real estate base, to 594, or an average of 54 per year. The 78 transfers cost the purchasers a total of about \$1,758,000, or about 16.8 percent of the total of the base (\$10,489,000) as of January 1, 1973.

During 1973 the Board completed 10 to 12 more cost analyses of dwellings and outbuildings, raising the total completions to more than 200.

In 1973 the average price paid per acre for vacant, unimproved land in the four tract size categories exceeded markedly prices paid in 1972 for comparable acreage:

Year of Sales	Size of Tracts and Average Price per Acre			
	1 - 6	7 - 12	15 - 41	31 - 140
	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres
1972	848	698	425	210
1973	1,780	1,052	607	372

Year ***	Assessment and Tax Data			
	Valuation *			Taxed Assed *
	Real Estate	Personal Property	Total	Total Real & Personal Property
1965	1,472	297	1,769	84
1966	4,650	638	5,288	29
1968	5,559	795	6,354	37
1970	6,985	871	7,856	37
1972	8,999	1,162	10,160	30
1973	10,849	1,243	12,092	30

*** As of January 1

** First 12 of the 18 month transitional fiscal year

* Thousands of dollars

Respectfully submitted,

WARREN M. CHASE
RALPH L. HOWES
MALCOLM S. CLARK

Assessors

Following is a list of the Appropriations made by the Voters of the Town of Ashfield at the Annual Town Meeting, March 3, 1973:—

	By Taxation	Available Funds
Ambulance Maintenance Fund — Transfer	\$	\$
1972 Earnings & Gifts (\$2,586.81)		
1972 Balance (\$ 504.38)		3,091.19
Ashfield Historical Society	136.65	
Assessors' Expenses	500.00	
Bonds	912.00	
Bridges & Railings	200.00	
Care of Soldiers' Graves	175.00	
Chapter 81	3,900.00	
Chapter 90 — Construction	4,750.00	
Chapter 90 — Maintenance	10,000.00	
Chapter 497 — Highway Fund	7,000.00	
Civil Defense Director	450.00	
Conservation Commission	100.00	
Deed — Landfill Dump	400.00	
Dump	8,500.00	
Dump Truck, New (Revenue Sharing)		15,000.00
Elections	250.00	
Financing Highway Grants (Free Cash)		20,000.00
Fires & Equipment	3,450.00	
Graves Equip. — 1972 Bill	81.05	
Health, Board of	100.00	
Heating — Town Hall & Fire House	1,300.00	
Highway Dept. — Paid Vacations & Holidays	3,700.00	
Highway Dept. — Sick Leave	1,710.00	
Inspection of Animals	125.00	
Insurance on Town Buildings & Equipment	7,546.00	
Lifeguard & Swimming Instruction	1,600.00	
Machinery Expense Acc't. — Transfer		
Balance of 1972 Earnings (\$430.91)		
Balance of 1972 Mach. Expense (\$126.88)		557.79
(Free Cash) —		10,000.00
Memorial Day	400.00	
Nurse — Ashfield Share	3,495.00	
Office Expenses	6,000.00	
Painting — Portion of Sanderson Academy		
(Cross Fund)		1,000.00
Parks & Beach	750.00	
Police Department	2,250.00	
Police Chief (Revenue Sharing)		6,000.00
Police Telephone-Call-Diverter		
(Rvenue Sharing)		695.00

Printing Town Reports & Ballots	1,750.00	
Registrars	300.00	
Rent of Hydrants	562.50	
Reserve Fund (Overlay Surplus)		2,500.00
Retirement System, Franklin County		
(Free Cash — 10,000)	2,076.80	10,000.00
Schools:		
Ashfield Public Schools	308,087.60	
Mohawk Trail Regional — Cap., Oper.,		
Vocat.	309,294.62	
Street Lights	3,100.00	
Town Clerk	1,350.00	
Town Counsel	1,000.00	
Town Hall	2,000.00	
Town Officers	6,825.00	
Town Treasurer	1,800.00	
Tree Warden	2,500.00	
Veterans' Benefits	4,500.00	
Western Franklin Veterans' Center, Mainten.	1,663.20	
Winter Roads	35,000.00	
Workmens' Compensation	3,400.00	
TOTALS	\$754,990.42	\$ 68,843.98

ATTEST:

Town Clerk

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING:

	By Taxation	Available Funds
Interest on Temporary Loans —		
Appropriation from Overlay Surplus	\$	\$ 1,430.84
Machinery Expense Acc't. —		
Appropriation from Overlay Surplus		5,000.00
Ashfield's Share of Supplemental County Tax —		
Appropriation from Overlay Surplus		1,463.27
TOTALS	\$754,990.42	\$ 76,738.09

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash balance January 1, 1973		\$159,522.93
Jane E. Ward Collector,		
Taxes:		
1969 Real Estate	\$	44.53
1970 Personal Property		153.57
Real Estate		1,807.18
1971 Personal Property		65.88
Real Estate		5,774.42
1972 Personal Property		922.96
Real Estate		18,623.25
1973 Personal Property		35,505.50
Real Estate		303,725.86
Motor Vehicle Excise		
Levy of 1969		33.63
Levy of 1970		17.17
Levy of 1971		283.38
Levy of 1972		17,028.64
Levy of 1973		22,195.07
Farm Excise		
Levy of 1972		601.05
Levy of 1973		3,070.00
Interest on Taxes and Excise		3,405.37
Costs		256.00
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		\$413,513.46
Accounts Receivable		
Veteran's Benefits	\$	441.66
Tuition		17,792.55
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		\$ 18,234.21
Aid to Highways		
State	\$	31,019.70
Temporary Loans		95,000.00
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		\$126,019.70
Trust Fund Income		
Library		
Frederick A. Cross	\$	266.64
M. M. Belding, Jr.		115.20
Parks		
M. M. Belding, Jr.	\$	115.20
Whitney Street		128.47
Cemetery Fund		146.61
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	\$	772.12

Fred Cross General Fund	\$ 56.24	
	56.24	
	56.24	
	<hr/>	\$ 168.72
Federal Withholding	\$ 10,279.83	
State	6,413.72	
County Retirement	4,200.21	
Blue Cross - Blue Shield	461.96	
	<hr/>	\$ 21,355.72
School Lunch	\$ 14,010.33	
Music Revolving Fund	170.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 14,180.33
Road Machinery Earnings		12,863.17
Dog Officer	\$ 44.00	
Dog Refund	275.68	
Dog Licenses	634.85	
	<hr/>	\$ 954.53
Ambulance		
Memory	\$ 582.00	
Gifts	465.00	
Earnings	20.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,067.00

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS:

Selectmen's Licenses	\$ 522.60
Building Permits	243.80
Installers Permit	42.00
Disposal Permits	54.00
Pistol Permits	20.00
Zoning & By-Laws	1.00
Raffle Permit	20.00
Hall Rental	152.00
Public Health Nnrse	103.75
Appeals Board Fee	110.00
Use of Town Equipment	250.60
Bicentennial Book	10.00
Town Histories	51.00
Town Report	3.00
Court Fines	83.20
Liquor License	500.00
Auctioneer License	10.00
Gas License	40.00
Fuel Oil	6.00
Coffee Shop	4.00
Used Car License	5.00

Rubbish Collection	5.00	
Purchase Culvert	236.60	
Occupancy	3.00	
Gas Registration	64.00	
Dividend	12.00	
Luncheon	12.00	
Policing of Auction	480.00	
Income Savings Deposit	285.42	
Income Certificate of Deposit	869.18	
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		\$ 4,199.15

Transfer from Revenue Sharing	\$ 19,842.56	
Transfer from Revenue Sharing Shelburne Falls		
Savings to Conway Savings	10,000.00	
Certificate of Deposit	100,000.00	
Interest Treasurer's Cash	729.09	
Interest Miscellaneous	813.71	
Transfer from Fred Cross Fund	1,000.00	
Belding Memorial Park	122.90	
Transfer from Charity	321.53	
Transfer from Wm. Hathaway	40.00	
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		\$132,869.79

Commonwealth of Mass.

Snow Removal	\$ 346.50	
Civil Defense	114.50	
Medic	60.00	
Nurse Reimbursement	112.00	
Special Education Program C58 18A	7,078.00	
Welfare	65.92	
Settlement of Antibiotics		
Anti-Trust Action	55.39	
Local Aid Fund Lottery	5,811.38	
Corporation by Reimbursement Local AS	425.24	
Library Extension ESEA Title II	500.00	
Chapter 74, Section 10 (7027 - 0001)		
Vocational Tuition (1971)	710.26	
Dept. of Ed. Library Extension	441.10	
School Aid Chapter 70 — 1972 Adj.	2,155.01	
Machinery Basis	311.49	
School Aid	54,185.69	
Animal Health	62.50	
C 71 Section 16D State Aid Regional		
School District	3,468.04	
Ed. St. and Federal Assistance		
School Transportation	12,004.16	
Chapter 812/71 Reimbursement 71 Census	327.50	
Veterans Service	1,254.94	

Public Welfare		
Tuition & Transportation	1,421.27	
Ed. Tran. C71, 57A, C14		
S47, 48 1972 & 1973	14,415.38	
	<hr/>	\$105,326.27
Revenue Sharing	34,782.00	
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		\$ 34,782.00

DISBURSEMENTS — 1973

Settlements' Warrants	\$666,987.27	
School Warrants	184,113.15	
School Lunch Warrants	14,237.74	
Library Extension Title II ESEA	941.10	
M - 1	105.00	
M - 2	9.00	
Revenue Sharing	34,782.00	
	<hr/>	\$901,175.26

CASH BALANCE 12-31-'73

Country Bank Checking Account	\$ 81,758.83	
Conway Savings Bank Account #8411	2,895.21	
	<hr/>	\$ 84,654.04

JANE E. WARD,
Treasurer

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

1967	Real Estate Taxes		
	Outstanding January 1, 1973	\$	78.20
	Outstanding December 31, 1973	\$ 78.20	
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1968	Personal Property Taxes		
	Outstanding January 1, 1973		47.91
	Outstanding December 31, 1973	47.91	
		<hr/>	47.91
1969	Personal Property Taxes		
	Outstanding January 1, 1973		50.70
	Outstanding December 31, 1973	50.70	
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1969	Real Estate Taxes		
	Outstanding January 1, 1973		44.53
	Payment to treasurer	44.53	
	Outstanding December 31, 1973	<u> </u>	44.53
1970	Personal Property Taxes		
	Outstanding January 1, 1973		369.61
	Payment to treasurer	153.57	
	Outstanding December 31, 1973	<u>216.04</u>	369.61
1970	Real Estate Taxes		
	Outstanding January 1, 1973		1,862.98
	Payment to treasurer	1,807.18	
	Outstanding December 31, 1973	<u>55.80</u>	1,862.98
1971	Personal Property Taxes		
	Outstanding January 1, 1973		371.88
	Payment to treasurer	65.88	
	Outstanding December 31, 1973	<u>306.00</u>	371.88
1971	Real Estate Taxes		
	Outstanding January 1, 1973		6,181.70
	Payment to treasurer	5,774.42	
	Outstanding December 31, 1973	<u>407.28</u>	6,181.70
1972	Personal Property Taxes		
	Commitment 1973		2,046.30
	Payment to treasurer	922.96	
	Outstanding December 31, 1973	<u>1,123.34</u>	2,046.30
1972	Real Estate Taxes		
	Outstanding January 1, 1973		21,466.33
	Payment to treasurer	18,623.25	
	Outstanding December 31, 1973	<u>2,843.08</u>	21,466.33
1973	Personal Property Taxes		
	Commitment 1973		37,297.50
	Payment to treasurer	35,305.50	
	Outstanding December 31, 1973	<u>1,992.00</u>	37,297.50

1973	Real Estate Taxes		
	Commitment	325,464.60	
	Refunds	1,330.30	
		<hr/>	326,794.90
	Payment to treasurer	303,725.86	
	Abatements	6,640.60	
	Outstanding December 31, 1973	16,428.44	
		<hr/>	326,794.90
1969	Motor Vehicle Excise		
	Outstanding January 1, 1973		156.36
	Payments to treasurer	33.63	
	Uncollectable abatements	84.83	
	Outstanding December 31, 1973	37.90	
		<hr/>	156.36
1970	Motor Vehicle Excise		
	Outstanding January 1, 1973		675.23
	Payment to treasurer	17.17	
	Outstanding December 31, 1973	658.06	
		<hr/>	675.23
1971	Motor Vehicle Excise		
	Outstanding January 1, 1973		1,689.63
	Payment to treasurer	283.38	
	Abatements	19.80	
	Outstanding December 31, 1973	1,386.45	
		<hr/>	1,689.63
1972	Motor Vehicle Excise		
	Outstanding January 1, 1973	6,349.67	
	Commitments	18,237.81	
	Refunds	733.38	
	To be refunded	20.62	
		<hr/>	25,341.48
	Payments to treasurer	17,028.64	
	Abatements	2,140.67	
	Outstanding December 31, 1973	6,172.17	
		<hr/>	25,341.48
1973	Motor Vehicle Excise		
	Commitment 1973	36,591.74	
	Refunds	350.46	
	To be refunded	119.42	
		<hr/>	37,061.62

	Payment to treasurer	22,195.07	
	Abatements	3,052.37	
	Outstanding December 31, 1973	11,814.18	
		<hr/>	37,061.62
1972	Farm Animal Excise		
	Outstanding January 1, 1973		601.05
	Payment to treasurer	601.05	
		<hr/>	601.05
1973	Farm Animal Excise		
	Commitment 1973		3,533.35
	Payment to treasurer	3,070.00	
	Outstanding December 31, 1973	463.35	
		<hr/>	3,533.35

JANE E. WARD
Tax Collector

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS REPORT

To the Board of Selectmen:

During 1973, ten petitions were filed with the Board of Appeals for variances from the Ashfield Protective By-Laws.

Five of these were applications for business permits and were granted. Two were requests concerning alterations of existing structures. One was granted and one denied. Two others were for new construction on non-conforming lots and were granted. One petition for the placement of a trailer was denied.

The board would like to take this opportunity to express appreciation to our clerk, Eleanor Ward, for her help in expediting the board's operation.

Respectfully submitted,

RALPH E. TOWNSLEY, Chairman

KENNETH A. LILLY

ROBERT P. KING

Associate Members: O. S. Grunden
Clement H. Record

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

1973	Name	Parents
FEBRUARY		
15—	David Bruce Bardwell	Robert D. & Sandra L. (Jenkins) Bardwell
MARCH		
16—	Kevin Michael Tetreault	Norbert J. & Linda J. (Janek) Tetreault
APRIL		
16—	Melissa Anne Muller	Richard G. & Margaret D. (Rogers) Muller
MAY		
25—	Dawn Ellen Pearce	Roger A. & Marion B. (Pierce) Pearce
JUNE		
7—	Kathleen Elizabeth Chalmers	Bruce & Nancy E. (Rowe) Chalmers
JULY		
25—	Seth Spencer	Robert S. & Kathleen A. (Ballou) Spencer
AUGUST		
7—	David Andrew Kuhns	Robert K. & Barbara E. (Viehmann) Kuhns
OCTOBER		
20—	Richard Lee Stevens, Jr.	Richard L. & Lynn D. (Cantell) Stevens
NOVEMBER		
28—	Kathryn Priscilla Craig	James L. & Susan E. (Helms) Craig
28—	Luke Valentine Beatman	James L. & Phyllis C. (Ratke) Beatman

DECEMBER

17—Trevor Gancarz

John A. & Eleanor M. (Doneilo) Gancarz

(Errors or omissions should be reported to the Town Clerk)

MARRIAGES

1973

FEBRUARY

9—Wayne M. Heideman
Greenfield, Mass.

June L. Graves
Ashfield, Mass.

MARCH

31—Kevin Chickering
Amherst, Mass.

Barbara A. Whitehouse
Ashfield, Mass.

MAY

12—Allen K. Vight
Charlemont, Mass.

Patricia L. Howes
Ashfield, Mass.

19—Gardner W. Cranston
Ashfield, Mass.

Virginia P. (Messenger) Rogers
Turners Falls, Mass.

JUNE

9—Mark P. Spees
Ashfield, Mass.

Patricia (O'Brien) Gould
Worcester, Mass.

23—Stephen D. Chandler
Ashfield, Mass.

PattiAnn Herzig
Shelburne Falls, Mass.

24—Wayne B. Farrell
Ashfield, Mass.

Patricia C. Cranmore
Ashfield, Mass.

30—Philip Walter Shulda
Buckland, Mass.

Debra Jane Loomis
Ashfield, Mass.

JULY

14—Henry A. Brown
Ashfield, Mass.

Susan M. Goodband
Walpole, Mass.

AUGUST

4—James G. Clarke
Northampton, Mass.

Barbara A. Tennyson
Amherst, Mass.

5—Theodore J. Bobetsky
Ashfield, Mass.

Mary Elizabeth Yetter
Greenfield, Mass.

25—Angelo John Costanza
Martinez, California

Georgette Anne Mislak
Ashfield, Mass.

SEPTEMBER

23—Robert P. Kalish
Ashfield, Mass.

Christine A. Staples
Ashfield, Mass.

OCTOBER

6—Henry D. Phelps
Ashfield, Mass.

Linda Natasha Thompson
Ashfield, Mass.

6—John R. Ryan
Ashfield, Mass.

Elizabeth R. Bingham
Ashfield, Mass.

20—Clement H. Record, Jr.
Ashfield, Mass.

Nancy Moran
Keene, N. H.

28—Nathaniel D. Smith
Ashfield, Mass.

Beverly K. Duncan
Ashfield, Mass.

DECEMBER

21—Leonard H. Roberts
Ashfield, Mass.

Janice E. Cammer
Prattville, N. Y.

DEATHS

1973	Name	Yrs.	Mos.	Days
JANUARY				
25—	Louise (Howeth) Harriman	59	8	10
FEBRUARY				
11—	Michael A. Dufresne	18	10	29
15—	Harriet L. (Hewes) Dresser	85	10	4
MARCH				
11—	Ruth G. (Wilder) Hunt	79	10	15
23—	Kathleen E. (Feury) Darling	87	9	0
MAY				
1—	Alice (Thorburn) Carter	70	11	4

JULY

9—Catherine Reinhardt	66	10	26
29—Mervyn Bruce O'Connor	72	9	12

AUGUST

2—Lovilla L. Butler	72	9	14
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SEPTEMBER

18—Jessie M. (Keyes) Howes	89	0	6
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OCTOBER

2—Thomas George Doppman	81	2	13
17—Robert Harland Nye	87	9	22
20—Alfred Billiel	71	11	17

NOVEMBER

2—Ada (Wallace) Kelley	89	3	17
11—Alford E. Blair	53	8	27
16—Ralph Guilford Lilly	69	7	14

DECEMBER

7—Viola M. (Kezlowski) Chaffee	61	3	9
11—Arthur Tatham	87	11	9
24—Hazel (Edwards) Kenney	85	1	26
26—Flora B. Tatro	69	6	19

BALLOTING

	Registered Voters	Votes Cast
Annual Town Meeting, March 3, 1973	779	267

DOG LICENSES ISSUED

94 Male	@ \$ 3.00	\$ 282.00	
20 Female	6.00	120.00	
66 Spayed female	3.00	198.00	
9 Kennel	10.00	90.00	
			\$ 690.00
Paid Town Treasurer		\$ 623.85	
Fees Retained		66.15	
			\$ 690.00

FISH AND GAME LICENSES ISSUED

13 Resident Citizen Sporting (Over 70)			Free
2 Resident Citizen Fishing, Paraplegic			Free
1 Resident Citizen Hunting, Paraplegic			Free
46 Resident Citizen Fishing	@ \$ 8.25	\$ 379.50	
57 Resident Citizen Hunting	8.25	470.25	
62 Resident Citizen Sporting	13.50	837.00	
17 Resident Citizen Minor Fishing	6.25	106.25	
8 Non-resident Citizen Fishing	14.25	114.00	
12 Non-resident Citizen 7-day Fishing	8.25	99.00	
1 Resident Citizen Minor Trapping	6.25	6.25	
3 Resident Citizen Trapping	11.50	34.50	
5 Duplicates	1.00	5.00	
2 Non-resident Citizen Hunting			
(Big game)	35.25	70.50	
9 Archery stamps, Deer	5.10	45.90	
		<hr/>	\$ 2,168.15
Paid Division of Fisheries & Game		\$ 2,115.25	
Fees Retained		52.90	
		<hr/>	\$ 2,168.15

Respectfully submitted,

ELEANOR M. WARD
Town Clerk

REPORT OF PLANNING BOARD

The Ashfield Planning Board has a new member, Mr. Douglas Angleman, elected for a five year term. Charles Buck is serving as Chairman and Mrs. Beatrice Howes as Clerk of the Board for the year 1973.

Several hearings were held to provide a forum for discussion of proposed changes in the By-Laws. A Special Town Meeting was held on June 6, 1973, to vote on the proposed amendments. The amendments which were passed by a two thirds majority were approved by Attorney General, Robert H. Quinn, on September 24, 1973.

The Board is continuing its study of the needs of the community, and from time to time, will propose such changes in the protective By-Laws as appear desirable.

Respectfully submitted,

MR. CHARLES P. BUCK
MRS. PAULINE J. NYE
MR. RALPH S. PEASE
MRS. BEATRICE V. HOWES
MR. DOUGLAS M. ANGLEMAN

BALANCE SHEET — TOWN OF ASHFIELD

December 31, 1972

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

Assets		Liabilities and Reserves	
Cash:		Payroll Deductions:	
General		Federal Taxes	\$ 2,134.53
Federal Revenue	\$159,522.93	State Taxes	527.26
Sharing Funds	13,536.00	County Retirement System	488.11
	\$173,058.93		\$ 3,149.90
Accounts Receivable:		Dog Licenses — Due County	59.70
Taxes:		Tailings — Unclaimed Checks	280.69
Levy of 1967:		Trust Funds to be Invested:	
Real Estate		Frederick A Cross General	165.77
Levy of 1968:	78.20	Purpose	27.42
Personal Property		Eliza Miller Charity	27.42
Levy of 1969:	47.91	Major W. King Charity	
Personal Property			220.61
Real Estate	50.70		
	44.53	Trust Fund Income:	
		Eliza Miller Charity	23.10
Levy of 1970:	95.23	Frederick A. Cross:	
Personal Property		Library	10.00
Real Estate	369.61	Cemetery	10.00
	928.36	Milo M. Belding, Jr. - Park	597.78
Levy of 1971:	1,297.97		640.88

Personal Property	371.88		Federal Revenue Sharing Funds —		
Real Estate	6,181.70		P.L. 92-512		13,536.00
		6,553.58	School Revolving Funds:		
Levy of 1972:			Lunch Fund	198.45	
Personal Property	2,046.30		Music Fund	80.00	278.45
Real Estate	21,796.33				
		23,842.63	Appropriation Balances:		15,145.07
Motor Vehicle Excise:			General		
Levy of 1968	285.21		Overestimates 1972:		
Levy of 1969	156.36		State Recreation Areas Assessment		455.89
Levy of 1970	675.23		Receipts Reserved for Appropriation:		
Levy of 1971	1,689.63		Road Machinery Fund	430.91	
Levy of 1972	6,359.57		Ambulance Fund	2,808.27	
		9,166.00			3,239.18
Farm Excise:			Reserve Fund — Overlay Surplus		41,860.59
Levy of 1972		601.05	Overlays Reserved for Abatements:		
Departmental:			Levy of 1967	78.20	
Veterans' Services	1,696.60		Levy of 1968	47.91	
School	446.21		Levy of 1969	95.23	
		2,142.81	Levy of 1970	1,297.97	
Aid to Highways:			Levy of 1971	6,553.58	
State	52,250.10		Levy of 1972	20,442.71	
County	29,000.00				28,515.60
		81,250.10	Revenue Reserved Until Collected:		
Due from William A. Hathaway			Motor Vehicle Excise	9,166.00	
Charity Fund		20.00	Farm Excise	601.05	

Unprovided For or Overdrawn Accounts:		Departmental	2,142.81
Underestimates 1972:		Aid to Highway	81,250.10
County Tax	3,266.30		93,159.96
Lower Pioneer Valley		Surplus Revenue	110,894.46
Air Pollution Control	3.46		
Overdrawn Appropriations:			
Highways:			
Chapter 81-1972	4,250.10		
Chapter 90 - Construction 1969	5,762.71		
	10,012.81		
	<u>\$311,436.98</u>		<u>\$311,436.98</u>

TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Trust and Investment Funds:		In Custody of Town Treasurer:	
Cash and Securities:		Frederick A. Cross General Purpose Fund (1)	\$ 50,543.59
In Custody of Town Treasurer	\$105,565.40	Eliza Miller Charity Fund (1)	13,339.02
In Custody of Library Treasurer	9,287.90	Major W. King Charity Fund (1)	5,921.96
In Custody of Franklin County Trust Company, Greenfield	65,429.52	Susan Howes Charity Fund	983.60
		Salmon Miller Charity Fund	6,303.48

Whiting Street Charity Fund	2,409.86
Henry Taylor Charity Fund	4,147.54
William A. Hathaway Charity Fund	10,059.79
Frederick A. Cross Library Fund	5,000.00
Frederick A. Cross Cemetery Fund	2,000.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	1,250.00
Stabilization Fund	3,606.56
	<u>\$105,565.40</u>

In Custody of Library Treasurer:

Belding Library Fund Income	961.11
General Library Fund	2,090.30
Lilly Library Fund	4,939.25
Sarah Norton Library Fund	1,297.24
	<u>9,287.90</u>

In Custody of Franklin County

Trust Company, Greenfield:

Milo M. Belding Library Fund	50,314.91
Milo M. Belding Library Surplus Fund	6,022.32
Milo M. Belding, Jr., Library and Park Fund	9,092.29
	<u>65,429.52</u>

\$180,282.82

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(1) Includes cash in general treasury

FINANCIAL REPORT OF BELDING MEMORIAL LIBRARY

January 1, 1973 to January 1, 1974

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1973	\$ 1,656.47	
M. M. Belding Trust Fund	3,783.20	
M. M. Belding, Jr. Trust Fund	113.15	
Fred Cross fund	263.99	
Gift	5.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 5,821.81

EXPENDITURES

Salaries and Services	\$ 1,983.00	
Books, magazines, and supplies	748.70	
Insurance	257.00	
Repairs and improvements	15.00	
Telephone and lights	335.06	
Fuel	506.17	
Water	9.00	
Safe deposit box rent	5.00	
Desk fund	10.00	
Treasurer's bond	13.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 3,881.93
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		\$ 1,939.88

LIBRARY SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

Conway Savings Bank	\$ 2,203.86
Franklin County Trust Co.	512.59
Franklin Savings Institution	501.71
Greenfield Savings Bank	4,264.98
Shelburne Falls Savings Bank	960.98
Northampton Institution for Savings	1,379.62

Respectfully submitted,

HOPE PACKARD, Treasurer

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

The circulation for the year was 6803. Bookmobile 1624; magazines 329; adult fiction 2036; adult non-fiction 1025; juvenile fiction 1453; juvenile nonfiction 220; puzzles 7; records 109. The Bookmobile left a total of 2683 books at the library: adult fiction 1977; adult non-fiction 866; junior fiction 628; junior non-fiction 112. At the school and at the South Ashfield Library they left 1018 and 652 books respectively.

Various exhibits were held during the year of new adult and children's books. The Western Regional Library System with its bookmobile and services continues to be a great help to the library. Mr. Bruce Baker, the new Regional Administrator, visited the library in August. I attended a meeting for Area Librarians on a new inter-library loan system. A meeting of the Advisory Council of Western Regional Library Systems was held here in December.

Mr. Charles Clare continues to add books to the Anderson Library of Arts and Sciences. He visited the library in September.

There have been a great many books given to the library this year. We are grateful to those who are willing to share their books with others. A story hour for children was held in November in observance of Childrens' Book Week.

I wish to thank the assistants who have helped during the year. I also wish to express my appreciation to the trustees for the generous amount of time given in behalf of the library.

Respectfully submitted,

DOROTHY D. CRAFT

Note: After writing the above report, Mrs. Craft asked to retire as of December 31st, 1973. The Trustees thanked her for her fifteen years and more of conscientious service. Mrs. Ann Lilly was appointed interim librarian to begin on January 1, 1974.

ADULT FICTION

Bawden	Anna Apparent
Blackstock	Charity
Blackstock	Lonely strangers
Brent	Moonraker's bride
Bridge	Julia in Ireland
Buck	All under heaven

Cadell	Royal summons
Cardiff	Inner steps
Carr	Miracle of St. Bruno's
Chapman	Limmerston Hall
Cookson	Pure as a lily
Delderfield	Give us this day
Delderfield	To serve them all my days
Dillon	Across the bitter sea
Drabble	The needles eye
Dykeman	Return the innocent earth
Eden	Speak to me of love
Edwards	Haunted summer
Foley	Trust a woman
Forsyth	Odessa file
Graham	Summer queen
Haycraft	Countess carrots
Hill	Devil of Aske
Hintz	Aloha means goodbye
Hodge	Strangers in company
Holt	Curse of the kings
Holt	On the night of the seventh moon
Howatch	The devil on Lammas night
Howatch	Call in the night
Kanin	A thousand summers
Lee	A prior bethrothal
Lewis	I am Mary Tudor
Lillie	Listening silence
Loring	The shining years
MacKinnon	Castle more
Maybury	Midnight dancers
Milhiser	Michael's wife
Murray	Dear colleague
North	High valley
Ogilvie	Strawberries in the sea
Peters	Borrowers of the night
Player	Oh Where are bloody Mary's Earrings
Raymond	Gentle Greaves
Robertson	Survive the savage sea
Roby	Broken key
Roby	White peacock
Seton	Green Darkness
Sykes	Elizabethan garden
Tryon	Harvest home
Van Slyke	The heart listens
Webb	Somewhere within the house
Whitney	Snowfire

ADULT NON-FICTION

Burnford	One woman's Artic
Colby	A skunk in the house
Cruso	Making things grow
Cruso	Making things grow outdoors
Firth	A natural year
Giles	The Kinta years
Globe	Digging it
Halberstam	The best and the brightest
Holmes	You and I and yesterday
Howar	Laughing all the way
Johnson	Seven houses
Leslie-Melville	Elephant have right of way
Lindberg	Hour of gold, hour of lead
Lister-Kaye	White island
Meyer	For goodness sake
Parton	Journey through a lighted room
Sarton	Journal of solitude
Slaymakers	Captive's mansion
Sweeney	Woman's doctor
West	Hide and seek
West	Upstairs at the White House
White	The making of the President 1972
Young	Washington's Mount Vernon
Wigginton	Foxfire 2

THE ANDERSON LIBRARY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Eckert	Wilderness empire
Gann	The antagonists
Houston	White dawn
Hyde	Yamsi
Mason	Harpoon in Eden
Mountfort	The vanishing jungle
von Lawick-Goodall	Innocent killers

ADULT GIFTS

Bardach	Downstream
Baryman	First Ladies
Chamberlain	Lexington and Concord
Chamberlain and Beach	New England
Curry	Okay I'll do it Myself
David	How to Talk to Birds
Harris	I'm OK you're OK
Lawrence	The Lovely and the Wild
McNulty	Whooping Crane
Mathiew	Field Book of Wild Birds

Nelson	Wild Animals of North America
Nolan	Making of a Surgeon
Nolan	A Surgeon's World
Osborne	Our Plundered Planet
Pough	Audubon Waterbird Guide
Pough	Audubon Eastern Land Birds
Snow	The Gospel in a Broken World
Snow	On Pilgrimage, marriage in the 70's
Wiggin	Strawberry Point
Woodin	Home on the Desert
Woolner	My New England
Young	Garage Sale Manual

YOUTH FICTION

Bach	They'll never make a movie starring me
Godden	The Diddakoo
Gordon	The Chaperone
Schlee	Consul's Daughter
Sherburne	Leslie
Walden	Where was Everyone when Sabrina Screamed?
Whitney	Nobody likes Trina

Other titles are included in adult fiction

JUNIOR FICTION

Arundel	The Blanket Word
Cameron	A Room made of Windows
Corbett	Dr. Merlin's Magic Shop
Erdman	A Bluebird will do
Galdone	The Little Red Hen
George	Julie and the Wolves
Gold	Amelia Quackenbush
Jarrel	Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs
Mosel	Funny Little Woman
Perrin	Hundred Horse Farm
Reiss	The Upstairs Room
Snyder	The Witches of Worm

JUNIOR GIFTS

Dahl	Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
Dahl	Charlie and the Glass Elevator
Dietz	Stars and the Universe
Freeman	Light and Radiation
Freeman	Science of Chemistry
Freeman	Sound and Ultra sound
Gorodetzky	What You should Know About Drugs
Speare	Life in Colonial America

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING COMMITTEE

To the Citizens of Ashfield:

The Public Health Nursing Committee comprised of members from Ashfield, Conway, Sunderland and Whately held two regular meetings and three special meetings. Officers are Mrs. Loretta Davis, Chairman; Mrs. Margaret Dacey, Vice Chairman; and Mrs. Carol Wood, Secretary.

At the Special Meeting in September, Selectmen from all towns were invited to hear a report from Mr. Edward Hanify, John Brickett and Thomas Luck of the newly formed Franklin County Home Health Agency. The committee voted to give preliminary approval to become part of the agency. The agency will remain as it is but billing, nursing supervision and recertification procedures will be contracted to the Franklin County Home Health Care Agency. Mrs. Eleanor Hubbard and Mrs. Grace Baker are members of the Board of Directors and Mrs. Lorraine Strippe is a member of the Professional Advisory Board.

It was voted to increase the nurses salary to \$6,520 and the substitute nurses salary to \$4.00 an hour.

We are grateful to Mrs. Strippe for the efficient and conscientious manner in which she has carried out her duties in the dual role of school and public health nurse.

Respectfully submitted,

LORETTA L. DAVIS, Chairman

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

To the Citizens of the Town of Ashfield:

Our agency, which covers the towns of Sunderland, Whately, Conway, and Ashfield, is a certified agency, which means we are able to receive reimbursement for visits made to Medicare and Medicaid patients when applicable. Standards for certification become a stress for a small agency such as ours, thus a great deal of time has been spent with the other agencies in the County to devise a plan of easing

the strain. The Franklin County Home Care Corporation has been formed and will be funded by a grant through the Project of the Elderly and will offer us the Supervision which is required in order to remain certified. Our agency is presently awaiting the decision of our four towns.

Home health services are provided to individuals and families in their homes with a physician's order, for the purpose of promoting, maintaining, and restoring health, or minimizing the effects of disabilities.

Home health services can also prevent costly and inappropriate admission to an institution or enable earlier discharge from hospitals and other facilities.

Summary 1973

Home Visits:	77
Income:	\$345.67
Mileage & Expenses:	\$261.45

I wish to thank all for their assistance in our program, especially the Nursing Committee representatives of your town; Mrs. Barbara Wickland, Mrs. Helen Ranney, and Mrs. Jean Keyes.

LORRAINE STRIPPE, R.N.
Public Health Nurse

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

As mentioned in the 1972 report, the Fire Department started purchasing tools in 1973 and will complete purchasing needed tools in 1974.

This year two members of the Fire Department completed a course in fire apparatus design and specifications at Meadowwood Drill Yard in New Hampshire. One member is now enrolled in the Emergency Medical Technician course at Greenfield Community College.

I would like to give a special thank you to the Firemen's Association who were extremely busy this year in fund raising affairs. This year, they raised \$667.97 towards the purchase of new equipment. This year's purchase was a 2½ inch suction outlet on #1 Truck.

The Firemen's Association sponsors both the Pee Wee League and Little League.

Permits issued in 1973:

Burning permits	33
Blasting permits	0
Oil burner permits	7
Oil storage permits	2
Corrections on oil burner install.	1
Gasoline storage permits	4
Rocket permits	6
Miscell. permits	1

Equipment purchased in 1973:

- 1 Light plant (replacement)
- 1 Remote control radio unit
- 1 Squad kit (tools)

TYPES OF OCCUPANCIES IN WHICH FIRES OCCURRED

	1971	1972	1973
Residential	9	12	9
Storage	1	2	1

MAIN CAUSE OF FIRES IN BUILDINGS

	1971	1972	1973
Electrical	1	2	3
Heating	5	9	3
Flammable liquids	0	1	0
Children & matches	2	1	1
Spontaneous	1	0	0
Lightning	0	0	1
Miscellaneous	1	0	2

MOTOR VEHICLE FIRES

1971	1972	1973
3	0	2

GRASS-BRUSH-DUMP — MUTUAL AID —

MISCELLANEOUS FIRES

1971	1972	1973
14	11	18

NUMBER OF RUNS MADE PER MONTH

January	3	July	3
February	1	August	0
March	3	September	3
April	3	October	3
May	3	November	3
June	3	December	2

VALUE OF PROPERTY INVOLVED AND LOSSES

	1971	1972	1973
Value of property	\$ 137,070	\$ 300,710	\$ 593,120
Losses	8,581	4,994	30,222
Insurance paid	2,791	2,871	24,897

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT VAN IDERSTINE

Fire Chief

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

The year 1973 has been an exceptionally busy one for the Ashfield Police Department. The average number of calls per day has doubled, calls ranging from those for information to complaints of serious nature demanding twenty-four hour service. Time spent in court has greatly increased. More and more is being demanded of our police department. Checking of vehicle registration numbers on newly purchased automobiles is only one of many added duties.

One great advantage recently realized, is the use of a telephone diverter, whereby the phone is manned at all times by some member of the department.

Last June found two members, Chief Zalenski and Warren Kirkpatrick graduating from the Emergency Medical Technician course which qualifies them as Ambulance Attendants under the new state regulations.

Because of business pressures Norm Scott found it necessary to resign from the department last fall. This loss is deeply felt after his many years of faithful, capable service and we wish to extend to him the sincere gratitude of the department and the townspeople.

Over the years we have built up a fine working relationship with the State Police which is of great value to the town. Their cooperation and assistance in providing information is greatly appreciated.

I want to thank all those who have helped through this frustrating year. There is an ever increasing need for assistance on patrols and investigations.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER D. ZALENSKI

Chief of Police

	1973	1972
Miles covered by police	15,353	10,000
Miscellaneous Calls, information and complaints	1,973	965
Investigations	155	259
Assault	2	2
Drunkenness	5	2
Vandalism	12	30
Breaking and entering	16	15
Drugs	1	2
Dog complaints	15	16
Accidents	36	35
Arrests	16	11
Court Appearances	45-141 hrs.	15-45 hrs.
Citations issued and tickets	123	20
Trips to hospital	6	5
Deaths investigated	0	3
Special Duties by officers	35	20
Emergency Calls, medical	4	4
I.D. Cards issued	39	11
Pistol Permits	10	0
Warrants	2	0
Summonses	10	—
Patrols and checks	242	129
Extra trips for school courses	20	—

REPORT OF THE AMBULANCE COMMITTEE

In this our 21st year of operations the Ashfield Ambulance log indicates that we have now served over 1000 local residents.

During this past year the Ambulance Volunteers responded promptly to the customary calls for assistance such as routine transportation of the ill and the aged, various types of accidents, home emergencies and back-up service for our neighboring towns.

For those who are not familiar with our organization, our transportation is without charge for the residents of Ashfield. Our some thirty-odd Volunteers, the four dispatchers, the radio operator and your chairman, continue to serve without any form of payment. It is largely through contributions presented in the form of memorials and gifts that we are able to maintain and improve our unique service.

Although this year we responded to only 40 calls, slightly lower than average, the monetary reward was again exceptional. A total of \$1,062.00 was received in gifts and memorials.

Our annual State inspection found our equipment meeting the recently revised standards established by the Department of Public Health.

A blood-pressure kit was added to our supplies through a contribution of money made by the Philip Damon family in memory of Ada Kelley. A minor portion of the John Michalak Memorial Fund was used to purchase a large cervical collar, and, similarly, a part of the Jessie Howes Fund was used to acquire a Hare traction splint.

Throughout the year we continued to have frequent requests for our lending equipment. Our inventory now also includes a wheelchair, a lap-board and an over the bed tray.

In November we held a refresher Advanced First Aid course for those whose cards needed updating. At the present time we have twenty-nine card carrying members.

In October Governor Sargent signed the new controversial "Ambulance Law", parts of which are to become effective in early 1974. Among the aspects of the bill pertinent to our personnel is the Emergency Medical training portion. "Of note to the reader should be the fact that parts of the law are to be enacted in stages with certain provisions, such as training, to completely take effect only on July 1977."

While the bill is far from being finalized, at this writing the Franklin Hampshire Ambulance Directors are now seeking certain modifications of the too rigid training requirements.

Whether these modifications will be forth coming or not, four of our personnel enrolled in an 81-hour E.M.T. course. Walter Zalenski and Warren Kirkpatrick received their certificates in May. Douglas Mollison is currently attending classes. Nathaniel Smith, also having completed the course, has taken a further examination which may qualify him as an Emergency Medical Ambulance Technician, nationally.

For the past year, I have served as a member of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health's E.M.S. Advisory Council, as well as serving on the Western Massachusetts Health Planning Council's Franklin-Hampshire Steering Committee.

Once more Ashfield's Ambulance Committee and the Volunteers are grateful to the families and friends who contributed to the John Michalak, Michael Dufresne, Walter Whitney, Kathleen Darling, Alice Carter, C. Fowler Pickhardt, Jessie Howes, Robert Nye, Ada Kelley, Alford Blair and Ralph Lilly Memorial Funds.

Our appreciation extends to all others who donated gifts of money to our Ambulance Fund, and to those who supported us in other helpful ways.

Again, to each and everyone, a very sincere thank-you.

ALICE WHITNEY, Chairman

REPORT OF CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR

To the residents of Ashfield:

The Town of Ashfield has taken part in the Civil Defense program as follows:

In May, Howard Barnes and I attended a three day study course in the operation of an Emergency Operations Center. This was held at the Hilton Hotel in Northampton. We both received a certificate for "Satisfactory completion of the course".

In June, I attended a refresher course on radiology. I also received a certificate on completion of this course. It was held in Turners Falls.

I will explain to those who are not familiar just what our Civil Defense set-up is. The headquarters are located in the Belding Memorial Library basement. It also is a Fallout Shelter. We are equipped with a stand by emergency generator and a Civil Defense Communication Radio. The Fallout Shelter is equipped with emergency supplies including food and equipment, as well as medications.

We have taken part in a State Warning Exercise. This is called "Checkerboard", its purpose being to see how quickly a warning message can be relayed to each community in the State. Our thanks go to Joe Cetto. He monitors the Fire Department radio where he receives the message and relays it to me. I then relay it to Conway.

With the help of Howard Barnes, we have periodically tested the stand by generator as well as checked the Fallout Shelter and found medications, etc., intact. We sampled some of the food supplies and rations and found them as tasty as they were four years ago.

Edward Scott continues to operate the Civil Defense radio monthly drills. However, these have now been cancelled due to the sudden death of Jack Harding, the Sector 4D Director.

Howard Barnes and I made one trip to the Taunton Salvage Depot, hoping to find war surplus supplies that would be useful for Civil Defense, but the "pickings" were very poor and we came home empty handed.

In closing, again I want to impress on each and everyone the importance of fallout shelters. In case of a nuclear attack, it could make the difference between survival or not. We all know that an attack is possible. It is much better to have some protection and not use it than to have an urgent need for it and not have it.

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND H. RENIFF

Civil Defense Director

REPORT OF VETERANS' SERVICE AGENT

To the Selectmen of the Town of Ashfield, Massachusetts:

Herewith is my annual report as Director and Veterans' Agent of the Western Franklin Veterans' Service District.

Office contacts numbered 2618 for the year. This shows an increase of 47 over the past year, 1972.

The following is a partial breakdown of services rendered.

Summary of Services

Vietnam Bonus	35
Burials, Flags and Markers	141
Education	116
Employment	20
Pensions, Loans, Compensation, AIQ, Tax Exemption, Hospital and Clinic Social Security and Misc.	2178
Photo Services (none Veteran)	83
Registration for Selective Service	45
Total	2618

There were 20 Vietnam Bonus applications processed during the year. This category will soon be a thing of the past. All applicants should have been paid to date.

We now have 2655 folders on file containing Veterans' Records. Forty new ones being added this year.

Twenty-four pension and compensation claims were filed for Veterans and their dependents. Some of these are in the process of adjudication at the Regional Office in Boston.

There were 17 Veterans deaths in the district this year.

Veterans' Benefits Program found us aiding 43 families consisting of 77 persons. \$56,813.75 was expended by the member towns in 1973.

Expenditures by Category

Ordinary Benefits	\$18,069.37
Fuel	\$ 2,775.72
Nursing Home	\$ 6,776.77
Doctor	\$ 2,833.00
Medical	\$ 5,048.98
Hospital	\$16,314.81
Dental	\$ 102.00

Miscellaneous \$ 4,893.10

\$56,813.75

The District Office is located in Memorial Hall, Shelburne Falls.
It is open from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., Monday Thru Friday.

Phone number is 625-2000.

My personal thanks to the District Committee for their cooperation. The Services of the Area Posts of the V.F.W. and American Legion are greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

CLYDE H. CHURCHILL

Director and Veterans Agent

WESTERN FRANKLIN VETERANS' SERVICE CENTER

1973 TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance Jan. 1, 1973 \$ 2,203.03

Receipts: 1973

Town of Ashfield	\$ 1,108.80
Town of Buckland	3,326.40
Town of Charlemont	985.60
Town of Colrain	1,478.40
Town of Conway	862.40
Town of Hawley	369.60
Town of Heath	554.40
Town of Monroe	616.00
Town of Plainfield	492.80
Town of Rowe	1,355.20
Town of Shelburne	2,587.20
Photo Copies	23.30
Flags & Markers	616.96
Fed. Mithholding Deductions	783.80
State Withholding Deductions	190.32
County Retirement Deductions	408.54
	<u>\$ 15,759.72</u>

\$ 17,962.75

Payments: 1973

Salary-Director	\$ 7,650.00
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Salary-Clerks	539.90	
Salary-Treas.	100.00	
Rent	600.00	
Phone	273.32	
Office Expense	352.28	
Agent's Travel and Expense	301.76	
Janitor	150.00	
Retirement Assessment	870.40	
Flags and Markers	612.67	
Treas. Bond	10.00	
Fed. Withholding	783.80	
State Withholding	190.32	
County Retirement	408.54	
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		\$ 12,842.99
Balance Dec. 31, 1973		<hr/>
		\$ 5,119.76

OLIVE E. WOOD, Treas.

REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN

To the Citizens of Ashfield:

Weather played an important role again this year by causing much damage to our trees in the form of ice storms. Broken limbs and branches were a common sight after being hit by one of the worst ice storms in years.

Pruning was performed on as many of these damaged trees as possible. A bucket truck crew was hired for two days to speed the operation of removing dangerous limbs that had been hanging since winter. Norton Hill Road was one of the hardest hit areas requiring many hours of repair pruning.

In the spring four new trees were planted on Main Street and in the fall six more trees were planted in other sections of town. The trees planted were of the following varieties: four Swedler Maples, one Norway Maple, three Sugar Maples and two Almey Crab trees.

The remainder of the tree work consisted of tree removals. A total of fifteen trees in various states of decay were taken down and in most cases the wood was left for the homeowner to use as firewood.

No serious diseases or insect infestations occurred this year. We are still fortunate to have escaped the gypsy moth threat which has caused considerable defoliation in other parts of New England.

Respectfully submitted,

RAMON R. SEARS, Tree Warden

REPORT OF THE ASHFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Ashfield Conservation Commission exists for the promotion and development of the natural resources of the Town. Its members are appointed by the Selectmen under the authority of the General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 8C.

The Commission has wide authority in pursuit of its general purposes, including the control of land owned by the Town for conservation purposes, as in the case of the Brewer-Tatro Memorial Park. It must pass on any change in any property, public or private, which affects water. The owner must submit to the Commission a Notice of Intent before any action is taken to remove, fill, dredge, or alter land which falls within the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 131, #40 (Generally known as the "Hatch Act").

During the past year the first case under this new law was handled by the Commission. Ed Landers filed a Notice of Intent and received permission to create a pond in the brook crossing his land on Cape St. Several other questions arose which did not require formal action, including the new route of the Briar Hill Rd.

It is important that every question of any change be referred to the Commission. Enforcement of this recent legislation has been strengthened. The Commission welcomes questions.

Eight meetings have been held during the past year, four of them in the Town Hall, the others in homes of members of the Commission. All meetings are open to the public with visitors cordially invited. They are generally held on the second Monday evening of the month.

The Ashfield Conservation Fund has been established with Philip Dater as Treasurer. It accepts gifts for use in promoting the work of the Commission, for the purchase of land, or for any specific conservation purposes.

A sign for the entrance to the Brewer-Tatro Memorial Park was made and erected during the year on the east side of Hawley Rd. near Tatro Road.

A detailed survey and study of the Brewer-Tatro Memorial Park was made by Robert Franzen of the Soil Conservation Service with proposals for its development and use which are being implemented. A large scale map has been prepared and printed showing both the area of the Park and of the Bear Swamp Reservation of the Trustees of Reservations across Hawley Rd. It is being used by the Boy Scout

Troop in merit badge work for the Environmental Merit Badge for which our chairman is advisor. Copies are available to any interested persons. The Boy Scouts are involved in exploration, map making, trail making, and camping in the Park.

The Commission has been active in planning tree planting in town, considering the provisions desirable in avoiding misfortunes in connection with the motor-cycle race part of which was fun on Town roads, studying what needs to be done about providing parking spaces in the Town, and other matters.

Two Associate members have been added to the Commission during the year: Russell Fessenden, who has attended several meetings and shown interest in and knowledge of our work, and Michael Fitzgerald, who attended the 1973 4-H Conservation Workshop last summer and gave us a full report on it.

Respectfully submitted,

LINWOOD B. LESURE, Chairman

PHILIP DATER, Secretary-Treasurer

ARTHUR L. WILLIAMS, JR.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS:

RUSSELL FESSENDEN

MICHAEL J. FITZGERALD

ESTHER D. STEINMETZ

PHILIP HUMASON STEINMETZ

NO SCHOOL SIGNAL

The "NO SCHOOL" announcements are made over the following radio stations:

WHAI	Greenfield
WHMP	Northampton
WMNB	North Adams
WHYN	Springfield
WTTT	Amherst
WTIC	Hartford, Connecticut

The report of the Superintendent of Schools is submitted as the report of the Ashfield School Committee.

ROBERT ROBERTSON, Chairman
DOROTHY CRAFT
BARBARA ZALENSKI

REPORT OF SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

SANDERSON ACADEMY

This year the Sanderson Academy faculty includes eleven teachers and three part-time special instructors.

Mrs. Elizabeth Beebe was hired on a full-time basis for Grade 5. Miss Irene Smiarowski was hired to teach Grade 3. She replaced Mrs. Marjorie Senecal who resigned.

Mrs. Janice Rosenbaum was hired to replace Mrs. Toni Miller as a part-time library aide and special help aide. Mrs. Susan Goldwasser was also hired as a part-time physical education teacher.

The ungraded reading program continues to be successful. It has been extended this year to include spelling and penmanship skills as well.

The kindergarten at Sanderson is involved in a new reading readiness program. This program is providing the children with a wealth of pre-reading experiences.

The Palo Alto program is in its second year in the primary grades and is bringing reading success as well as language and spelling success to our first and second graders.

We are considering another program for grades 4, 5, and 6 that will have a high emphasis on study skills. The program would be

introduced on limited basis until it has proven itself successful with our children.

A new program of ungraded math has been introduced. This program includes Grade 1 through Grade 6.

An ongoing evaluation of these programs is done continually throughout the year to improve teaching techniques in the classroom.

The Title I program continues to be an asset to the school. Under the direction of Miss Maureen Kirwin, the head mathematics teacher, two aides tutor thirty-four children in the basic math skills.

The school administration has also been looking to the future and considering programs which will need to be implemented as a result of state and federal legislation. These include Chapter 766, a new special education law which will be implemented in September 1974, and setting up programs for the teaching of the metric system in the elementary grades.

Mrs. Conant has also been actively involved in setting up a curriculum to deal with the areas of safety, drug abuse, human development, interpersonal relationships, and mental health. When approved by the Educational Policies Committee, the program will be implemented in the elementary schools in the district.

In response to the energy crisis, several steps have been taken at Sanderson. Room temperatures have been lowered to 68° during the day and to 60° at night. Also, a heating consultant has been checking into the heating system to see what additional steps can be taken to conserve fuel.

A series of district-wide teacher workshops on a variety of educational problems has been instituted for the year. These will include programs on media, behavior modification techniques, and teaching the metric system.

The library at Sanderson Academy continues to provide a wide variety of services to its young patrons, including the annual Book Fair, regular story hours, inter-library loan opportunities and a library club as well as a number of workshops for the staff. The library was awarded a special federal grant under Title II this year to purchase audio visual materials as well as books on folklore.

A new cassette player, Kodak slide projector, overhead projector and a filmstrip previewer were purchased this year.

We would like to thank the Ashfield P.T.O. for our new drapes in the auditorium. We would also like to thank the Ashfield Lions Club for their donation of a color television, rotor, and antenna for our school.

Last summer the rear of the school, three classrooms and the back corridors were painted. New curtains were installed in one classroom. Two new blackboards were also installed in Grade 3 and Grade 2.

A new electrical board and circuit breakers were installed as well as a new heating coil in the gym.

During the year there was a change made in the administration organization of the central office. The position of assistant superintendent was disbanded and two new positions created. The first of these new positions is that of Business Manager and the second that of Administrative Intern. This administrative reorganization came about as a result of a recommendation of the Educational Policies Committee. There was awareness on the part of school committee members generally that more work existed on the central office level than could be done by two people. A little over three years ago when the original organization of the shared superintendency was being considered there were those committee members who believed that one of the positions should have been that of Business Manager. However, with no past experience to draw upon, the organization got off to an initial start with a supeyrintendent and an assistant superintendent. The experience of the past two years has indicated that there is more than two people can do. The Business Manager works closely with head custodians, the superintendent and school committees in services related primarily to the maintenance of schools, transportation, and other operational matters. The Intern works closely with the principals and teaching staff on matters pertaining to supervision and curriculum as well as over-seeing our Title I projects.

In closing I would like to thank all the faculty, staff, children, parents and citizens of the town who have been so cooperative and helpful in making this school year a success.

ENROLLMENT — NOVEMBER 1, 1973

Grade	Boys	Girls	Total
K	14	16	30
1	15	5	20
2	14	15	29
3	12	13	25
4	18	14	32
5	20	18	38
6	13	9	22
TOTALS	106	90	196

ARTHUR P. SILVESTER

Superintendent of Schools

SCHOOL NURSE'S REPORT

Our school health services are a supplement to the care and concern parents should provide for their children. These services are designed to encourage parents to devote attention to their child's health, to acquaint them with health problems of which they may be unaware, and to encourage them to utilize the services of their physician, dentist, and other agencies.

Films and programs pertinent to health have been utilized throughout the year. Our throat culture program is again available to all students with parental permission.

Annually, all students are given the Massachusetts approved vision and hearing screening tests.

Physical exams with the school physician, Dr. Galbo, have been completed on students in Grade 3, new pupils, and the transitional class. In addition, urine tests were done for the above pupils. Communicable diseases have been at a minimum due to the use of vaccines.

As our town is not considered a high risk area for Tuberculosis, the State has recommended that it is not necessary to do T.B. testing in the school at this time. Teachers and school personnel will continue to have a Tuberculin test every three years.

Periodic checks for cleanliness are necessary to stress good health habits and to prevent or detect certain skin eruptions or head lice.

Conferences with school personnel and parents are held whenever necessary.

I wish to thank Mr. Silvester, Mrs. Conant, Dr. Galbo, School Committee, Personnel, and Parents for their cooperation and assistance.

LORRAINE STRIPPE

School Nurse

Ashfield School Budget

ITEM

ADMINISTRATION:

School Committee Supplies
 School Committee Other
 Administrative Salaries
 Clerical Salaries
 Administrative Travel

	Appropriation 18 Months 1/1/73-6/30/74	Expenditures 12 Months 1/1/73-12/31/73	Appropriation 12 Months 7/1/74-6/30/75
	\$ 15.00	\$ -0-	\$ 10.00
	85.00	6.47	58.00
	4,391.09	2,930.23	3,134.00
	6,488.96	3,900.30	4,488.00
	620.91	336.94	400.00
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	\$ 11,600.96	\$ 7,173.94	\$ 8,090.00

INSTRUCTION:

Supervisors' Salaries
 Supervisors' Other Expense
 Principal's Salary
 Principal's Clerical
 Principal's Supplies
 Principal's Other Expense
 Teachers' Salaries
 Substitute Teachers
 Teacher Aides
 Supplies & Materials
 Other Expenses
 Teachers' Salaries, Spec. Ed.
 Teacher Aide, Spec. Ed.

	\$ 3,448.21	\$ 2,277.63	\$ 2,486.00
	210.00	115.96	150.00
	18,000.00	4,749.69	11,978.00
	4,288.20	2,738.88	3,007.00
	275.00	164.90	265.00
	225.00	55.00	140.00
	147,636.38	97,054.30	98,552.00
	2,000.00	1,179.00	1,500.00
	7,515.90	3,920.00	3,845.00
	6,221.00	5,382.54	6,770.00
	390.00	106.57	290.00
	2,553.29	2,275.44	9,280.00
	707.76	209.50	1,665.00

Contracted Services, Spec. Ed.	8,621.25	3,158.83	6,000.00
Supplies & Materials, Spec. Ed.	100.00	85.36	100.00
Other Expenses, Spec. Ed.	20.00	-0-	40.00
Textbooks	1,550.00	711.13	1,000.00
Textbooks, Spec. Ed.	25.00	7.22	100.00
Library Aide	1,844.25	911.99	1,200.00
Library Materials & Supplies	1,350.00	620.87	1,180.00
Audio-Visual Supplies	500.00	208.30	700.00
Other Expense, A-V	35.00	24.00	40.00
Audio Visual Supplies, Spec. Ed.	-0-	-0-	60.00
Testing Materials	694.40	161.99	272.00
Other Expenses	240.00	16.95	120.00
Testing Materials, Spec. Ed.	-0-	3.24	15.00
Psychological Contracted Services	991.00	595.50	6,000.00
	<hr/> \$209,441.64	<hr/> \$126,734.79	<hr/> \$156,755.00

OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES:

School Physician's Salary	\$ 200.00	\$ -0-	\$ 200.00
Contracted Services, Health	75.00	-0-	90.00
Health Supplies	30.00	13.40	30.00
Pupil Transportation, Contracted	41,325.00	25,955.00	26,100.00
Field Trips	750.00	298.00	500.00
Pupil Transportation, Spec. Ed.	2,520.00	-0-	-0-
Cafeteria Manager's Salary	3,000.00	1,417.90	3,730.00
Student Activities	-0-	100.00	200.00
	<hr/> \$ 47,900.00	<hr/> \$ 27,784.30	<hr/> \$ 30,850.00

ITEM	Appropriation 1/1/73-12/31/73 12 Months		Expenditures 1/1/73-12/31/73 12 Months		Appropriation 7/1/74-6/30/75 12 Months	
	1/1/73-6/30/74 18 Months					
OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF PLANT:						
Custodial Salary	\$ 9,750.00		\$ 6,239.54		\$ 7,235.00	
Custodial Helper	2,294.00		1,656.00		2,648.00	
Custodial Supplies	2,160.00		1,094.18		1,800.00	
Fuel	6,092.50		2,122.08		6,155.00	
Utilities	5,496.50		3,466.82		5,224.00	
Maintenance of Grounds, Contracted	1,000.00		165.00		500.00	
Maintenance of Grounds, Supplies	85.00		10.88		50.00	
Maintenance of Building, Contracted	8,195.00		5,467.03		7,725.00	
Maintenance of Building, Supplies	965.00		469.64		700.00	
Maintenance of Equipment, Contracted	1,145.00		210.70		800.00	
Maintenance of Equipment, Materials	40.00		75.09		100.00	
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	\$ 37,223.00		\$ 20,976.96		\$ 32,937.00	
FIXED CHARGES:						
Rental of Garage	\$ 180.00		\$ -0-		\$ 120.00	
ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS:						
New Equipment	\$ 1,297.00		\$ 1,191.16		\$ 1,600.00	
New Equipment, Spec. Ed.	-0-		-0-		84.00	
Replacement of Equipment	445.00		252.00		200.00	
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	\$ 1,742.00		\$ 1,443.16		\$ 1,884.00	
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET:						
	\$308,087.60		\$184,113.15		\$230,636.00	

EXPENDITURES

ADMINISTRATION:

School Committee Expense:

Recording Publishing, Advertising	\$ 2.47	
Plainfield Post, Subscription	4.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 6.47

Administrators:

Salaries	2,930.23	
Travel	336.94	
Clerical	3,900.30	
	<hr/>	\$ 7,167.47

INSTRUCTION:

Supervisors' Expense:

Sheila Merritt, Salary	\$ 2,187.63	
Susan Silvester, Salary	90.00	
Sheila Merritt, Travel	83.40	
Susan Silvester, Travel	32.56	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,393.59

Principal's Expense:

Martha Conant, Salary	\$ 4,749.69	
Clerical	2,738.88	
Principal's Supplies	164.90	
Principal's Travel	55.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 7,708.47

Teachers' Salaries:

Vernon Avera	\$ 8,361.58	
Lenore Berson	1,864.56	
Margaret Booker	7,623.16	
Martha Conant	5,746.14	
Jeffrey Goldwasser	1,981.20	
Vivien Fuller	8,361.58	
Mary Hall	8,361.58	
Carol Law	3,571.19	
Alice Libby	7,823.16	
John MacInnis	3,159.86	
Joanne Ostrowski	7,153.86	
Katherine Rutherford	7,770.62	
Marjorie Senecal	4,770.48	
Ida Sloan	7,986.28	
Elizabeth Beebe	4,672.73	
Linda Goldwasser	1,046.32	
Irene Smiarowski	2,092.46	
	<hr/>	\$ 92,346.76

Substitute Teachers:

Mary Lucas	198.00	
Rachel Manners	72.00	
Cynthia Donovan	18.00	
Jeffrey Goldwasser	18.00	
Elizabeth Beebe	162.00	
Audrey Bogdon	54.00	
William Turkel	18.00	
Theresa J. Smith	18.00	
Johanna Herter	126.00	
Thelma Bates	144.00	
Virginia Antonio	18.00	
Jo-Ann Turner	72.00	
Jacquelyn Ballance	90.00	
Karen Copeland	54.00	
Ronald McGowan	18.00	
Susan McGowan	72.00	
Janice Rosenbaum	27.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,179.00

Teacher Aides:

Gladys Kendrick	2,453.24	
Toni Miller	1,123.00	
Janice Rosenbaum	553.26	
	<hr/>	\$ 4,129.50

Teaching Supplies:

K-6	4,522.07	
Art	819.17	
Music	28.15	
Physical Education	13.15	
Special Education	85.36	
	<hr/>	\$ 5,467.90

Teachers' Other Expense:

Professional Books	20.24	
Conferences	76.33	
In-Service Workshops	10.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 106.57

Teaching Expenses, Special Education:

Judith Dabkowski, Teacher	6,922.98	
Martha Conant, Tutoring	60.00	
Franklin County Public Hospital, Speech	3,158.83	
	<hr/>	\$ 10,141.81

Textbooks:

Dictionaries	234.80	
Reading	469.17	

Music	7.16	
Special Education	7.22	
	<hr/>	\$ 718.35

Library Services:

Aides' Salaries:		
Ruth Ryan	636.25	
Janice Rosenbaum	275.74	
Books, Magazines	548.11	
Supplies	72.76	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,532.86

Audio-Visual:

Materials and Supplies	208.30	
Film Postage	24.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 232.30

Testing Services:

Supplies	\$ 165.23	
Scoring Fees	16.95	
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Psychological Services:

Cathy L. Stockwell, Testing	\$ 150.00	
Franklin Co. Supplemental Ed.		
Center, Contracted Services	445.00	
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OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES:

Health Services:

Health Supplies		\$ 13.40
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Transportation:

C. W. Ward, Contracted	\$ 25,955.00	
C. W. Ward, Field Trips	298.00	
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Food Services:

Cafeteria Manager's Salary	\$ 1,417.90	
School Assemblies	\$ 100.00	

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF PLANT:

Custodial Salaries:

Walter Zalenski	\$ 6,239.54	
Laurie Dufresne, Helper	1,203.68	
Robert Cranmore, Helper	297.64	
John Tatro, Helper	117.82	
Seth Hall, Helper	36.86	
	<hr/>	\$ 7,895.54

Custodial Supplies:

E. L. Canter, Inc	\$ 1,087.70	
Keyes Hardware	1.58	
Elmer's Store	4.90	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,094.18

Fuel

\$ 2,122.08

Utilities:

Water	\$ 225.00	
Electricity	2,903.67	
Telephone	338.15	
	<hr/>	\$ 3,466.82

Maintenance of Grounds:

C. W. Ward, Inc., Snow Removal	\$ 165.00	
Keyes Hardware	10.28	
Norm's Service Station	.60	
	<hr/>	\$ 175.88

Maintenance of Building, Contracted Services:

Lewis Armature Service	\$ 10.00	
Willis G. Thayer	71.84	
Ward Plumbing	33.54	
S & J Jamrog	2,032.01	
Pyrofax Gas Co.	8.00	
J. L. Hammett Co.	552.00	
Valley Tank Co., Inc.	90.00	
Williams Sewing Center, Inc.	71.19	
Commissioner of Public Safety	15.00	
Purple Electric Company	1,296.00	
Sandra Gallerani	10.36	
Keyes Hardware	52.12	
William F. Gray	523.00	
Roger E. Pollen	550.02	
Rugg Lumber Company	151.95	
	<hr/>	\$ 5,467.03

Maintenance of Building, Supplies & Materials:

Keyes Hardware	\$ 57.48	
American Standard Wholesale	102.12	
Wilson's	192.50	
S & J Jamrog	117.00	
Norm's Service Station	.54	
	<hr/>	\$ 469.64

Maintenance of Equipment, Contracted Services:

A. B. Dick Products	\$ 12.00	
William F. Gray	24.00	
Gregoire Harpsichord	13.50	

Lewis Scott	35.53	
Sydlee Electronic Supplies	5.97	
Ashfield Motor Sales	8.15	
South Deerfield Fire Equipment Co.	46.00	
Norm's Service Station	46.55	
LaPierre's	19.00	
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		\$ 210.70

Maintenance of Equipment, Supplies & Materials:

Sydlee Electronic Supplies	\$ 3.58	
Norm's Service Station	3.00	
Keyes Hardware	45.99	
Valley Camera Supply	22.52	
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		\$ 75.09

ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS:

New Equipment:

J. L. Hammett	\$ 71.60	
Harrison Harries	119.00	
A. P. Pantermehl	100.00	
Fran-Tek Corp.	118.50	
Valley Camera Supply	389.50	
Massachusetts Correctional Institution	59.80	
Gribbons' Band Instruments	283.50	
New England School Supply	13.37	
Phyllis Graves (Reimbursement)	35.89	
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		\$ 1,191.16

Replacement of Equipment:

New England School Supply	\$ 52.00	
Sears, Roebuck & Co.	200.00	
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		\$ 252.00

TOTAL:

\$ 184,113.15

ESEA — TITLE II
LIBRARY

RECEIPTS:

Bureau of Library Extension		
State Department of Education		\$ 441.10

EXPENSES:

Scott Graphics, Inc	\$ 12.00
Educational Activities	22.49

Eye Gate House	160.40	
Gibbon's Music House	21.84	
J. L. Hammett Co.	5.55	
McGraw-Hill Book	7.56	
Educational Reading Service	21.11	
Society for Visual Education	27.52	
Library Book House	156.68	
World Book Encyclopedia	5.95	441.10

BALANCE ON HAND December 31, 1973	\$ -0-
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HOT LUNCH FUND

RECEIPTS:

Balance on hand January 1, 1973		\$ 198.45
Adult Lunchroom Sales	\$ 1,112.95	
Student Lunchroom Sales	6,724.31	
U.S.D.A. Reimbursement	6,099.95	
Other Receipts	73.12	14,010.33
		<u>\$ 14,208.78</u>

EXPENSES:

Food	\$ 6,199.19	
Milk	2,913.46	
Labor	4,941.08	
Supplies	184.01	
Equipment	-0-	\$ 14,237.74

CASH BALANCE On Hand December 31, 1973:	\$ (28.96)
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MUSIC REVOLVING FUND

CASH ON HAND January 1, 1973:	\$ 80.00
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RECEIPTS:

Rental of Instruments	\$ 120.00	
Sale of Instrument	50.00	170.00
		<u>\$ 250.00</u>

EXPENSES:

Gibbons' Band Instruments (New Instruments)	114.00
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CASH ON HAND December 31, 1973:	\$ 136.00
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CAFETERIA MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Arthur P. Silvester
Superintendent of Schools
17 Bridge Street
Shelburne Falls, Mass. 01370

Dear Mr. Silvester:

I hereby submit my annual report as Cafeteria Manager:

Last fall due to high costs of food plus the U.S.D.A. cutback on commodities we were forced to raise the price of lunches from 30¢ to 35¢ for students and 45¢ to 55¢ for adults. Distribution of commodities among the schools is governed by the number of student lunches served.

The School Food Service Program has two main objectives:

The first is to see that each child is served a nutritionally adequate and moderately priced lunch.

The second objective is to develop good eating habits that will result in the selection of nutritious foods throughout life.

The enrollment has decreased slightly making our average daily attendance approximately 150.

I would like to express our appreciation to Mrs. Conant and Mrs. Rice for their cooperation during lunch periods every day.

In closing I would like to thank Mr. Silvester and the School Committee for their help.

Respectfully submitted,

PHYLLIS E. GRAVES
Cafeteria Manager

REPORT OF MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Traditionally, reports of this kind deal with changes occurring during the year, if any expressions of appreciation for "cooperation" from various elements of the school system, comments about finances, and further expressions of confidence in the future.

In keeping with tradition, therefore, this report would mention such things as the substitution of an educational intern and a business manager for the assistant superintendency, thanks to all concerned for a year free of major calamity, the difficulties of dealing rationally with an eighteen month budget, and praise for the establishment of a regional vocational school.

What tradition in education really constitutes, however, is a means of perpetuating and accentuating accepted values, the status quo. The limits within which members of school systems or institutions may criticize accepted values, are quite narrow and such systems and institutions cannot be revolutionary. Thus the School Committee spends most of its time on administrative matters, very little time on the fundamental, but uncomfortable questions of educational purpose and content. We doubtless reflect the American consensus that the aim of education is increased earnings and a better job, and that its content should be information. What we have is a system that stuffs students with information and fixes their sights on cars and creature comforts. The desired end product is socio-economic status.

It is easy, on the one hand, to point out the absurdities in our educational system, many of them painfully evident to even the youngest victims of it; and while there is a considerable amount of noise being made about reform, some of *it* also absurd, nothing much has really happened. On the other hand, one needs to look no farther than the Superintendent's report to find a clear statement of estimable educational objectives. It seems evident that the technological age into which the world may be moving could offer the greatest educational opportunities in the history of the race. We may now have the time and technology to make the most of ourselves. We can readily imagine a learning society, but how do we attain it?

In the words of Robert M. Hutchins, "The future of education depends on the future of everything else. The conditions and desires of a society are decisive, and desires seem more important than conditions. For example, inventions in the technology of communication are always hailed as great contributions to the extension and improvement of education. None of the spectacular developments in this field has as yet

had any important effect on education as it is administered by educational institutions. So it is with the free time Americans have acquired as the result of the advance of technology in general. It has principally been used for relaxation, recreation and moonlighting, rather than for education."

"If you want to fix up education, you have to fix up the society first. It may be that the time has come to stop talking about education and to start talking instead about direct intervention in those aspects of society which make education, in any defensible definition of it, unattainable. . . . The abolition of the slums and the eradication of poverty, the provision of decent housing and medical care; sane policies of urbanization, taxation and transportation; and so on through the long list of things that have to be done if we are to have a country fit for human beings. These would be far more profitable than any amount of discussion of an ideal educational system. What we need is citizens."

Respectfully submitted,

WINSTON HEALY

Chairman

Mohawk Trail Regional
School Committee

MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

MRS. RUTH ANDERSON
MR. PAUL CHEDA
MR. JAMES DELANEY
MR. RUSSEL DENISON
MISS TERRY FERRER
MR. RAYMOND GIARD
MR. HAROLD HARRIS
MR. WINSTON HEALY
MRS. ELSIE HUNKLER
MR. KARL JURENTKUFF
MRS. CAROL MALONE
MR. CLEMENT RECORD
MR. ROBERT ROBERTSON
MR. CLIFTON SHIPPEE
MRS. MARIANNE STONE
MR. WILLIAM SWEENEY
MR. ROBERT WALTERS

FACULTY REPRESENTATIVES

MISS MICHELLE CORMIER
MR. RICHARD ROCKSTROH

STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DENNIS ANNEAR
CAROL BOLDUC
DEBRA CROMACK
CHRISTINE DAVENPORT
SUSAN NARKEWICZ

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

In submitting an annual report it is possible to approach the responsibility in two ways. One way is a factual, mundane report and the second is to share philosophical considerations with the patrons of the school. It is my intention in this report to do both.

Recently I was part of an informal group where there was a discussion about school philosophy. One of the participants in the group was looking for a clear-cut blueprint of philosophical direction for the high school. The very nature of his questioning suggested that such a document should not only exist but in fact did not. His statements implied that neither the school committee nor the administration appeared to be fulfilling the necessary leadership role. Yet the facts of the matter are that the professional staff of the school has developed a school philosophy and that it has been in existence for some several years. Presently a group composed of faculty, parents, students and school committee members are reviewing the philosophy which will go before the entire teaching staff for refinement. Afterwards it will go to the School Committee for further review. The casual observer might well have been impressed by the remarks of this person because it appeared as if he were asking the right questions and not getting satisfactory answers.

The discussion prompted me later to go and review Dr. James Conant's *Shaping Educational Policy*. In the section dealing with the public school system Dr. Conant indicates his belief that educational policy should be shaped by a State Board of Education and a viable Department of Education. Dr. Conant makes no mention of the role of the teacher, the administration or the school committee. From the point of view of reality educational policy is shaped by many things. Some of these shaping forces would include the financial capability of the communities that constitute the school district. A second force would be those courses mandated by state law. A third element would be the values placed upon education in general by the citizens of the school district. Another factor influencing the philosophy and curricu-

lum would be pressure groups within the faculty in favor of or against particular ideas or courses. And as the faculty would be an element in shaping curriculum so too are the school committee and administration. Within our own school we have a continuing curriculum committee composed of administrators, teachers and students that are constantly reviewing courses and the needs of the students and the school in our rapidly changing world. If one considers that most of the courses offered in any high school are elective, and that courses in part are a reflection of philosophy, then students do exercise a role in determining the school program. By electing to enroll in a course it is supported — by failing to elect to enroll in a course the course withers and ceases to be offered.

The part played in shaping the philosophy of a high school is further determined by the influence of regional accrediting associations. The New England Association of Schools and Colleges has played a mixed role during the past decade in shaping the character of the New England Secondary Schools. It has been responsible in part for the upgrading of standards of many schools, particularly in those communities that were reluctant to offer a program that could be described as minimal. But by and large its recommendations to member schools have been unimaginative and sterile. And all too often those "reforms" that they have prompted have in reality had the effect of featherbedding the professional staffs and further sophisticating the secondary school bureaucracy.

Theoretically, the development of the philosophy and a curriculum to implement a philosophy would be easier within a homogeneous community where the values of the citizens are similar. Our nine town community is not only diverse in its geographic expanse it is equally diverse from an ideological point of view. A person's philosophy reflects in part their preconceived likes and dislikes. The organization of the philosophy and curriculum of a secondary school would be far easier if such diversity did not exist. The American public school is an interesting phenomenon. It has no counterpart anywhere else in the world. And the public school within New England is even more unique. If the philosophy of a school should state the expectations of the citizens then there would be almost as many philosophies as there are citizens. Admittedly this is completely unrealistic, yet it is one of the facts related to the development of a school philosophy.

All of what has been said so far is further complicated by some of the facts relating to American society in the 1970's. The world in which we live today is vastly different from the world of the 60's and bears little or no resemblance to the 40's or 50's. Because most people are the product of the American public school system and were themselves once students in a public school they unconsciously believe that today's school should be shaped in the image of the institution with

which they had first hand knowledge and experience. But the unescapable fact is that the world of today bears but slight relationship to the world of yesteryear. The existence of such ideological differences has some times been described as the generation gap. Its presence within society only further compounds the evolution of a school philosophy that meets the expectations of all citizens. Without any question Mohawk Trail Regional High School is a much more mature and constructive organization than at anytime in its previous history. Part of this results from the experience of trial and error out of which has come increasing maturity. Part of it also is due to the fact that increasingly the professional staff and the school administration are working together toward common goals. When the people associated with an institution begin to talk about the areas within the school that can be further improved and strengthened, rather than engaged in petty infighting, this is an important turning point. Similarly, students who three years ago had no social awareness within the organization are now today concerned about the minority of their own group that do not want to accept and be a part of the social group that makes up the school. One illustration to document this belief is pertinent to this line of thought. Three years ago no student groups gave voice to the widespread discourtesy, vandalism and abuse of the school plant that was present. Today, with conditions vastly improved, students have expressed their disgust with the immature and childish behavior patterns pursued by a minority of their fellow students at school assemblies. Surely an awareness of a problem is the beginning of maturity. Other evidence could be cited to support this contention but the interests of space preclude this activity.

In answer to the question what do I believe the school should be doing I would suggest the following areas of activity. These seven points taken in totality might be described as a philosophy of education.

1. To insure a literate citizenry. Implied in this goal is not only the need to be able to read our language but to be able to express ourselves effectively both orally and in writing.
2. To encourage within students the development of a cultural background so that they may better appreciate the beauty and worth of the fine arts, literature and the capacity of the human mind to create.
3. To meet the several needs of all high school students. Specifically: To provide adequate educational opportunities for students going on to college; To provide an opportunity for training, or the training itself, for students who plan on securing employment directly following graduation. Implied in these beliefs is the conviction that our schools need to develop young people who will be economically self-sufficient.

4. To develop within students a sense of civic responsibility and to encourage the development of values and a political philosophy designed to maintain and preserve the future life and existence of our constitutional government.
5. To encourage amongst students the development of successful skills in the area of human relationships.
6. To provide students with a sense of satisfaction from participation in the public school environment.
7. To provide for educational and cultural services to all elements of the citizenry that want to avail themselves of the opportunity.

As in the past, curriculum has continued to be one of the most important projects at Mohawk Trail Regional High School. We are now in the third year of a three year program in which we are endeavoring to revise curriculum in terms of performance objectives with the co-operation of faculty, grade level coordinators and administration. We have progressed to a point where we are producing organized courses based on objectives. The use of curriculum materials revised in these terms allow the teacher as well as the student to understand from the beginning of the course what each is expected to accomplish and what it is intended that the student learn to do. Also, it gives the teacher an opportunity to be more specific in implementing the subject matter by requiring him to see ahead where he is heading in terms of the expected goals. The importance of objectives is made more apt by the fact that the student actually is able to see a change in his own achievement and behavior when he accomplishes his goal. It is not merely knowing something; it is an ability to do something more than he was able to do before the objective was reached. In the field of curriculum, we have several new programs which have been instituted this year. Some of them are: Ideas and Investigations in Science, which is Life Science for 7th grade, phase 1, a 7th grade health course, and the beginning of our 9th grade health course. Also, we have instituted a math program which has been under development for sometime. We have taken several important steps in our progress to individualize our curriculum. There have been examples of interdisciplinary coordination between English and Crafts, Math and Science, and Math and Business.

We are presently engaged in an extended campus program. Here, a student is able to have an experience in either work, academic endeavor, such as a college college course, or research project or in a community service. This experience does not have to be within the confines of the school walls, but may be elsewhere in the community. We have students who leave our school every afternoon to engage in work or other activities under this program.

This fall the School Committee approved a program under extended campus in which credit toward graduation is given to any student who qualifies under the extended campus program and whose endeavors are considered worthy under that program. This opportunity has opened new horizons for some students in our school. Heretofore, some of our nonacademic oriented students have had very little to choose from in our curriculum which was pertinent and of value to them. Many of our students have the feeling that the work experience is of more value to them because they have not been successful in their academic work. Before this year if they did have a work experience they received no credit for it towards graduation. Now, with the addition of our academic credit for the extended campus program, these students feel that they are doing something which will help them to prepare themselves for graduation and will get credit for the same as those people who take courses in the academic fields in school. This is an alternative that students did not have before. It is our hope that other alternatives be offered our nonacademic students in the form of increased curriculum choices which will interest and prepare them for graduation. This program is being administered by the coordinator of student activities and we hope it will grow to greater proportions than our earlier extended campus program which did not carry credit.

In the field of guidance the follow-up study of the class of 1972 has been completed and will be added to information of other years. There has been a distinct increase in career education orientation in our lower grades and we are intending to expand this service for all students in the immediate future.

The New England Association of Schools and Colleges has conducted a follow-up study of the evaluation which took place in May of 1971. They have recommended the continued accreditation of the Mohawk Trail Regional High School for a three year period.

The Resource Center has sponsored workshops including orientation for new teachers, staff members and students, various equipment programs and a district-wide media workshop. A loop system was installed in the ceiling of the Resource Center, enabling students to use wireless headsets for listening to supplementary classroom work. In the library conference room a series of five booths with electrical outlets was added to facilitate listening and viewing of non-print materials. The most significant acquisitions include a microfilm reader-printer and video tape recorder. Special emphasis has been placed on the fine arts this year. Monthly exhibits featuring local artists have been displayed in the library, and the Resource Center Council has worked on a Media Day for students, a creative arts festival and revision of the Community Resource Catalog. Film and preview programs as well as increased inter-library loan service, centralized circulation procedures and greater student participation have highlighted a busy year. The

Resource Center continues to be open to the public Monday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 P.M. when school is in session.

On behalf of the entire Mohawk staff appreciation is expressed to the school committee and the community for its continued support of what the superintendent believes to be an ever improving secondary school program within the nine towns.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR P. SILVESTER
Superintendent of Schools

20 December, 1973

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

ADMINISTRATION

	<i>1973-74</i> <i>Budget</i> <i>18 Months</i>	<i>1973-74</i> <i>Expenditures</i> <i>12 Months</i>	<i>1974-75</i> <i>Budget</i> <i>12 Months</i>
Legal Services	\$ 3,500	\$ 695.79	\$ 2,000
Treasurer's Salary	2,070	1,794.47	1,750
Contracted Services	2,700	1,117.78	1,800
Treasurer's Supplies	450	408.05	300
School Committee Expenses	750	676.26	600
Treasurer's Bond	475	319.00	350
Administrative Salaries	31,421	20,033.62	22,200
Clerical Salaries	27,000	13,252.57	20,000
Contracted Services	2,700	1,483.25	1,200
Supt's Office Supplies	5,850	2,415.30	3,900
Supt's Office Expenses	1,350	1,187.87	1,000
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	\$ 78,266	\$ 43,383.96	\$ 55,100

INSTRUCTION

Activities Coord. - Salaries	\$ 6,900	\$ 5,231.12	\$ 9,000
Supervision - Supplies	465	290.42	300
Supervision - Expenses	600	196.80	500
Princ. & Vice-Princ. Salaries	52,500	33,746.14	38,000
Clerical Salaries	30,000	18,931.32	22,000
Contracted Services	12,675	5,096.05	8,400

Principal Supplies	3,680	1,561.31	2,500
Principal Expenses	2,250	1,260.23	1,700
Teachers' Salaries	996,951	561,403.06	603,310
Teacher Aides Salaries	26,400	15,925.87	20,000
Teacher - Special Class	13,343	8,022.26	8,275
Teachers - Home Instruction	3,600	370.50	2,000
Contracted Services	6,000	3,438.26	6,400
Teachers' Supplies	31,500	21,318.69	24,000
Teachers' Expenses	2,300	1,360.51	1,500
Special Class Supplies	400	260.05	300
Special Class Expenses	150	70.00	100
Textbooks	11,420	7,121.76	11,000
Textbooks - Special Class	300	72.45	200
Librarian ½ Libr. Salaries	13,825	10,999.77	16,200
Library Assistant Salary	8,200	4,603.09	5,000
Library Supplies	15,000	7,776.58	10,000
Library Expenses	—	89.15	100
Audio Visual Supplies	8,250	4,733.11	5,500
Audio Visual Special Class Suppl.	450	173.90	300
Guidance Salaries	82,237	47,955.24	51,525
Guidance Clerk Salary	7,850	5,274.67	5,850
Contracted Services	1,400	632.87	910
Guidance Supplies	1,100	284.71	1,000
Guidance Expenses	800	179.87	650
TOTAL INSTRUCTION	\$ 1,340,546	\$ 768,379.76	\$ 856.520

OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES

Attendance Officer Salary	\$ 150	\$ 100.00	\$ 100
Attendance Officer Expenses	150	52.90	130
Health Salaries	14,250	8,920.09	9,800
Nurse Substitute Special Ed.	100	.00	100
Nurse's Aide	150	.00	—
Health Supplies	375	257.05	250
Health Expenses	50	108.65	100
Leased Buses - Salaries	6,300	2,022.50	3,000
Leased Buses - Supplies	300	664.84	1,000
Pupil Transportation Contracts	235,346	159,388.00	187,020
Pupil Transportation Field Trips	1,800	473.30	1,200
Pupil Transportation Special Class	15,500	9,383.50	15,600
Cafeteria Manager Salary	10,520	6,984.28	7,850
Athletics	23,000	14,212.35	20,000
Other Activities	225	201.69	220
TOTAL OTHER			
SCHOOL SERVICES	\$ 308,216	\$ 202,769.15	\$ 246,370

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF PLANT

Custodial Salaries	\$ 93,000	\$ 60,380.95	\$ 65,000
Custodial Supplies	15,975	5,252.82	7,850
Heat - Supt's Office	1,275	499.75	950
Electrical Energy - High School	72,000	33,059.51	45,000
Utilities - Supt's Office	3,510	2,131.67	2,500
Utilities - High School	5,000	2,986.71	3,500
*Yards & Grounds Contract	7,975	5,127.40	1,500
Yards & Grounds Supplies	3,400	1,303.02	3,150
School Building Maintenance -			
Night Watchman Contract	10,600	5,808.60	6,500
School Building Maintenance -			
Supplies	5,240	2,035.00	2,050
School Equipment Maintenance -			
Contract	3,540	1,063.15	1,100
School Equipment Maintenance -			
Supplies	5,000	2,339.45	5,450
Equipment Maintenance & Repairs			
Supt's Office	450	159.80	300
Equipment Maintenance & Repairs			
High School	7,500	3,514.53	7,000

TOTAL OPERATION &

MAINTENANCE \$ 234,465 \$ 125,662.36 \$ 151,850

* \$4,000 Transferred from Surplus 9-12-'73

FIXED CHARGES

Franklin County Retirement	\$ 21,750	\$ 22,440.00	\$ 23,000
Insurance - Supt's Office	150	145.00	160
Insurance - High School	23,200	12,128.37	16,050
Rent - Supt's Office	2,880	1,920.00	1,920
Debt Service Current Loan	11,000	1,398.04	1,000
32B Health Insurance	20,500	12,970.66	12,000

TOTAL FIXED CHARGES \$ 79,480 \$ 51,002.07 \$ 54,130

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Custodial Service	\$ 150	\$ 15.54	\$ 100
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TOTAL

COMMUNITY SERVICES \$ 150 \$ 15.54 \$ 100

ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS

Acq. New Equipment -			
Supt's Office	\$ 1,200	\$ 454.40	\$ 800

Acq. New Equipment - High School	10,500	6,777.24	12,000
Acq. New Equipment - Special Class	700	545.48	475
Replacement of Equipment - High School	9,500	4,319.54	16,000
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TOTAL ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS	\$ 21,900	\$ 12,096.66	\$ 29,275
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TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$ 2,063,023	\$ 1,203,309.50	\$ 1,393,345
DEBT RETIREMENT AND DEBT SERVICE			
Debt Retirement -- Principal	\$ 145,000	\$ 145,000.00	\$ 145,000
Debt Retirement - Interest	107,200	73,400.00	64,700
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TOTAL DEBT RETIREMENT/ DEBT SERV.	\$ 252,200	\$ 218,400.00	\$ 209,700
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GRAND TOTALS	\$ 2,315,223	\$ 1,421,709.50	\$ 1,603,045

VOCATIONAL BUDGET

INSTRUCTION

Distributive Education			
Teacher's Salary	\$ 13,300	\$ 7,980.97	\$ 8,025
Substitute Teacher	—	262.50	95
Distr. Ed. - Supplies	700	468.87	600
Distr. Ed. - Teacher Travel	1,200	297.43	700
Distr. Ed. - Textbooks	—	—	200
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Distributive Education	\$ 15,200	\$ 9,009.77	\$ 9,620
Adult Evening School 1			
Teachers' Salaries	\$ 4,455	\$ 2,572.00	\$ 3,400
Director's Salary	1,200	479.50	800
Adult Evening School - Supplies	300	53.22	250
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Adult Evening School	\$ 5,955	\$ 3,104.72	\$ 4,450
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TOTAL INSTRUCTION	\$ 21,155	\$ 12,114.49	\$ 14,070

OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES

Vocational Day School -			
Parent Transportation	\$ 20,000	\$ 5,245.58	\$ —
Vocational Day School -			
Transportation Contracts	27,780	23,840.00	35,000
Distributive Education			
Field Trips	600	305.68	720
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TOTAL OTHER			
SCHOOL SERVICES	\$ 48,380	\$ 29,391.26	\$ 35,720

FIXED CHARGES

Rent, Crittenden School	\$ 1,000	\$ 345.00	\$ 600
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TOTAL FIXED CHARGES	\$ 1,000	\$ 345.00	\$ 600

ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS

Distributive Education			
Acq. New Equipment	\$ 1,200	\$ 486.07	\$ —
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TOTAL ACQUISITION OF			
FIXED ASSETS	\$ 1,200	\$ 486.07	\$ —

OTHER DISTRICTS

Tuition - Vocational Day	\$ 40,000	\$ 12,283.06	\$ 31,000
Tuition - Voc. Eve. Trade Sch.	400	67.50	100

Tuition- Voc. Eve.			
Practical Arts	340	84.50	350
TOTAL OTHER DISTRICTS	\$ 40,740	\$ 12,435.06	\$ 31,450
TOTAL VOCATIONAL BUDGET	\$ 112,475	\$ 54,771.88	\$ 81,840

ATHLETIC REVOLVING FUND

	<i>Jan.-Dec. 1973</i>	<i>Expenditures</i>	<i>Balance</i>
Balance on Hand,			
Jan. 1, 1973	\$ 1,803.26		
Receipts	5,931.25		
Total	\$ 7,734.51	\$ 3,761.19	\$ 3,973.32

BAND REVOLVING FUND

Balance on Hand,			
Jan. 1, 1973	\$ 187.47		
Receipts	1,983.95		
Total	\$ 2,171.42	\$ 13,309.98	\$ 861.44

CAFETERIA REVOLVING FUND

Balance on Hand,			
Jan. 1, 1973	\$ 11.31		
Receipts	65,894.75		
Total	\$ 65,906.06	\$ 68,973.49	\$—3,067.43

1974-1975 BUDGET

SUMMARY — OPERATING BUDGET

1000	Administration	\$ 55,100.00
2000	Instruction	856,520.00
3000	Other School Services	246,370.00
4000	Operation of Plant	151,850.00
5000	Fixed Charges	54,130.00
6000	Community Services	100.00
7000	Acquisition of Fixed Assets	29,275.00
	Total Operating Budget	\$ 1,393,345.00

Less Anticipated Reimbursements from
Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Transportation	\$150,000	
Special Class	11,000	
Surplus	50,000	
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	\$211,000	
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		—211,000.00
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Amount to be Raised		\$ 1,182,345.00

ASSESSMENTS ON OPERATING BUDGET

<i>Town</i>	<i>Oct. 1, 1973 No. Students</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Ashfield	130	13.07%	\$ 154,532.49
Buckland	242	24.32%	287,546.30
Charlemont	101	10.15%	120,008.02
Colrain	173	17.39%	205,609.80
Hawley	19	1.91%	22,582.79
Heath	51	5.12%	60,536.06
Plainfield	31	3.11%	36,770.93
Rowe	30	3.02%	35,706.82
Shelburne	218	21.91%	259,051.79
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	995	100.00%	\$ 1,182,345.00

1974 - 1975 BUDGET

SUMMARY — CAPITAL BUDGET

<i>Towns</i>	<i>Per Cent As Per Agreement</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Ashfield	11.9%	\$ 18,599.70
Buckland	19.3%	30,165.90
Charlemont	9.9%	15,473.70
Colrain	16.3%	25,476.90
Hawley	2.7%	4,220.10
Heath	4.3%	6,720.90
Plainfield	4.1%	6,408.30
Rowe	11.5%	17,974.50
Shelburne	20.0%	31,260.00
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TOTALS	100.0%	\$ 156,300.00
Principal Repayment		\$ 145,000.00
Interest		64,700.00
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		\$ 209,700.00

Less Construction	
Reimbursement from	
Commonwealth of Mass.	—53,400.00
AMOUNT TO BE RAISED	\$ 156,300.00

1974 - 1975 BUDGET

SUMMARY — VOCATIONAL BUDGET

2000	Instruction	\$	14,070.00
3000	Other School Services		35,720.00
5000	Fixed Charges		600.00
9000	Other Districts		31,450.00

Total Vocational Budget	\$	81,840.00
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Less Anticipated Reimbursements

from Commonwealth of Mass.

Vocational Tuition	\$15,166
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Voc. Transportation	12,123
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Voc. Maintenance	6,187
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\$33,476	—33,476.00
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AMOUNT TO BE RAISED	\$	48,364.00
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ASSESSMENTS ON VOCATIONAL BUDGET

Town	Oct. 1, 1973		Amount
	No. Students	Percent	
Ashfield	7	26.0%	\$ 12,574.64
Buckland	4	14.8%	7,157.87
Charlemont	6	22.2%	10,736.81
Colrain	2	7.4%	3,578.93
Hawley	1	3.7%	1,789.47
Heath	1	3.7%	1,789.47
Plainfield	2	7.4%	3,578.93
Rowe	1	3.7%	1,789.47
Shelburne	3	11.1%	5,368.41
	27	100.0%	\$ 48,364.00

MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

TREASURER'S REPORT

To: The Mohawk Trail Regional School District Committee

From: F. Newton Miller, Treasurer

The Annual Report of finances for the Mohawk Trail Regional School District in the year 1973 is shown below. Comparison with 1972 is not too significant since we have not closed our books on the 18 month interim budget which will end in June, 1974. It should be noted however, that the new schedule of payments by the member towns has already reduced our need for borrowing and will eliminate it in the future. In fact, we have been able to invest temporarily surplus funds in certificates of deposit and received over \$9,000 in interest in 1973.

January 1, 1973 — Cash on Hand \$ 64,382.26

Received:

Town Assessments	\$ 1,561,474.11
Temporary Loans	300,000.00
Certificates of Deposit	680,000.00
Commonwealth of Massachusetts	
Reimbursements	
Transportation	83,689.20
School Building Assistance	53,866.06
School Lunch	21,990.35
Title II	4,534.29
Distributive Education	8,092.00
Vocational Educ. — Tuition	14,783.00
Vocational Educ. — Transport	14,378.00
Vocational School Mtce.	603.00
Payroll Deductions	245,540.27
Revolving Funds	
School Lunch	43,929.40
School Athletics	5,981.25
School Music	1,983.95
Reimbursements to 5000 Account	943.09
Evening School Fees	885.00
Interest on Cert. of Deposits	9,156.00
Shop Projects	198.43
New England Telephone — Commissions	179.50
Use of Materials	49.60
Rebate on Notes	22.92
Lost and Damaged Books	251.28
Blue Cross-Blue Shield Refund	4,127.00
Blue Cross-Blue Shield Reimbursements	44.40
Tuition — Town of Guilford	786.00

Refunds	740.53	
Misc.	737.41	
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		\$ 3,058,966.64
Total receipts:	\$ 3,058,966.64	
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Total Cash and Receipts:		\$ 3,123,348.90
Paid:		
Temporary Loans	\$ 300,000.00	
Certificates of Deposit	850,000.00	
Debt Retirement & Debt Service	218,400.00	
Operations:		
Administration	43,383.96	
Instruction	768,055.51	
Other School Services	202,769.15	
Oper. and Mtce. of Plant	125,662.36	
Fixed Charges	51,002.07	
Community Services	15.54	
Acquisition of Fixed Assets	12,096.66	
Vocational Education		
Transportation	29,085.58	
Tuition — Day	12,283.06	
Tuition — Evening	67.50	
Tuition — Prac. Arts	84.50	
Evening School	3,104.72	
Distributive Educ.	9,801.52	
Rent	345.00	
Payroll Deductions	239,036.42	
Revolving Funds		
School Lunch	69,023.49	
School Athletics	3,861.19	
School Music	1,309.98	
Title II	3,099.48	
Title V	91.24	
Escrow Account	1,900.00	
Miscellaneous	672.91	
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Total Payments:	\$ 2,945,151.84	\$ 2,945,151.84
Cash on Hand — January 1, 1974		178,197.06
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Total Cash and Payments:		\$ 3,123,348.90
Other Assets on hand:		
Certificates of Deposit (The Country Bank)		170,000.00

Respectfully submitted,

F. NEWTON MILLER
Treasurer

TOWN WARRANT

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Franklin, ss:

To any of the Constables of the Town of Ashfield, in the
County of Franklin, Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and Town Affairs, to meet in the Town Hall, in said Ashfield, on Saturday, the second day of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon then and there to act on the following articles:

ART. 1. To choose a Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Auditor and Tree Warden for One year. One Selectman and Member of the Board of Public Welfare, One Assessor, One Member of the Ashfield School Committee, One Member of the Mohawk Trail Regional School Committee, One Park Commissioner and Three Constables for Three years. A Library Trustee and One Planning Board Member for Five years. All on one ballot and to choose all other necessary Town Officers. Polls may be closed at 3:00 P.M.

ART. 2. To act on the reports of the Town Officers.

ART. 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the use of the Tree Warden to include necessary spraying, or act relative thereto.

ART. 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for the use of the Board of Health.

ART. 5. To see if the Town will vote to accept Ashfield's Share of Chapter 1140, Sections 20 and 22 of the General Laws, Acts of 1973, for a General Highway Fund for highway related projects.

ART. 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,750.00 under Chapter 90. Said money to be used on the West Road, Spruce Corner Road, Bear Swamp Road and/or Bug Hill Road, in conjunction with any money which may be allotted by the State or County, or both, for

Veterans' Benefits	3,500.00
Western Franklin Veterans' Center, Maintenance	1,269.50
Workmens' Compensation	2,500.00

ART. 11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning July 1, 1974, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

ART. 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$1,800.00 for the salaries of the Members of the Board of Assessors, or act relative thereto.

ART. 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than the sum of \$200.00 for Memorial Day, or act relative thereto.

ART. 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than the sum of \$600.00 for Park and Beach maintenance, or act relative thereto.

ART. 15. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to contract with the Ashfield Water Company for the use of hydrants for fire protection and to raise and appropriate not more than the sum of \$400.00 for that purpose.

ART. 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than the sum of \$1,500.00 for a Life Guard and a Swimming Instructor for the Town Beach.

ART. 17. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of any used Town Owned equipment, or act relative thereto.

ART. 18. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the 1973 Machinery Earnings (\$12,863.17) to the 1974-75 Machinery Expense Account to be used for the purpose of purchasing, repairing and operating road machinery, or act relative thereto.

ART. 20. To see if the Town will vote to accept the list of jurors as prepared by the Selectmen.

ART. 21. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the 1973 Ambulance Earnings and Gifts (\$1,062.00) and the balance of the 1973 Ambulance Maintenance Fund (\$2,366.85) to the 1974 Ambulance Maintenance Fund to be used to maintain, equip and eventually replace the Town Ambulance, or act relative thereto.

ART. 22. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Surplus Revenue the sum of \$20,000.00 for the purpose of financing State and County Grants for Chapter 81, Chapter 90 and Chapter 90 Improvement Highway Work. Reimbursement, when received, to be returned to Surplus Revenue, or act relative thereto.

ART. 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for the use of the Conservation Commission.

ART. 24. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Revenue Sharing Funds the sum of \$10,500.00 to pay the salary of the full-time Police Chief.

ART. 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than the sum of \$2,385.00 for the Town's share of the expenses of the Ashfield-Sunderland-Whately-Conway Public Health District, or act relative thereto.

ART. 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$185,706.83 (Operating \$154,532.49, Capital \$18,599.70, Vocational \$12,574.64) to pay the Town's share of the 1974-75 capital cost and operation budget of the Mohawk Trail Regional School.

ART. 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise not more than the sum of \$230,636.00 for the support of public and vocational schools.

ART. 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 for the Salary and Expenses of the Director of Civilian Defense, or act relative thereto.

ART. 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise \$1,000.00 to paint a portion of the Town Hall and to authorize the Selectmen and the Town Treasurer on the Frederick A. Cross General Purpose Fund for this amount, or act relative thereto.

ART. 30. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Revenue Sharing Funds the sum of \$3,000.00 to purchase a Pick-up Truck for the Highway Department, or act relative thereto.

ART. 31. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Revenue Sharing Funds the sum of \$1,500.00 for the general operations of the Belding Memorial Library, or act relative thereto.

ART. 32. To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of \$3,000.00 to finance the reprinting of the Frederick Howes Town History and to authorize the Selectmen and the Town treasurer to draw on the Frederick A. Cross General Purpose Fund for this amount. Monies received from the sale of said history up to and including June 30, 1976 to be returned to the Frederick A. Cross General Purpose Fund, or take any action relative thereto.

EDWARD W. SCOTT

RALPH L. HOWES

RUSSELL V. LOOMIS

Selectmen of Ashfield

NOTE: This warrant appears as a matter of information. The Official Town Warrant may contain changes and/or additions.

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Town of

ASHFIELD

MASSACHUSETTS



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OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Of The Town Of

ASHFIELD

MASSACHUSETTS



For The Year Ending

1974

Annual Report

of the

Board of Directors

of the

Company

for the year ending



at the City of

1904

TOWN OFFICERS

MODERATOR

LINWOOD B. LESURE

TREASURER

JANE E. WARD

CLERK

ELEANOR M. WARD

SELECTMEN, BOARD OF HEALTH

RALPH L. HOWES	Term expires 1975
RUSSELL V. LOOMIS	Term expires 1976
EDWARD W. SCOTT	Term expires 1977

ASSESSORS

RALPH L. HOWES	Term expires 1975
WARREN M. CHASE	Term expires 1976
MALCOLM S. CLARK	Term expires 1977

SANDERSON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

DOROTHY D. CRAFT & SANDRA E. GALLERANI	Term expires 1975
BARBARA V. ZALENSKI	Term expires 1976
ROBERT S. ROBERTSON	Term expires 1977

MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

ROBERT S. ROBERTSON	Term expires 1975
CLEMENT H. RECORD	Term expires 1977

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

HOPE PACKARD	Term expires 1975
WILLIAM FITZGERALD	Term expires 1976
WALTER A. WHITNEY, JR.	Term expires 1977
LYNN W. LESURE	Term expires 1978
GRACE B. HOWES	Term expires 1979

FINANCE COMMITTEE

RALPH L. HOWES	Term expires 1975
RUSSELL V. LOOMIS	Term expires 1975
EDWARD W. SCOTT	Term expires 1975
WARREN M. CHASE	Term expires 1975
MALCOLM S. CLARK	Term expires 1975

PARK COMMISSION

ARMOND J. LaBELLE, JR.	Term expires 1975
WALTER E. TIRRELL	Term expires 1976
ARTHUR P. PANTERMEHL	Term expires 1977

TAX COLLECTOR

JANE E. WARD	Term expires 1976
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CHIEF OF POLICE

WALTER D. ZALENSKI

CONSTABLES

WARREN KIRKPATRICK	Term expires 1977
WALTER D. ZALENSKI	Term expires 1977
JOHN A. LaBELLE	Term expires 1977

AUDITOR

P. JORDAN MONOHON

TREE WARDEN & MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

RAMON R. SEARS

PLANNING BOARD

PAULINE J. NYE	Term expires 1975
RALPH S. PEASE	Term expires 1976
BEATRICE V. HOWES	Term expires 1977
DOUGLAS M. ANGLEMAN	Term expires 1978
RAYMOND T. CASSIDY	Term expires 1979

BOARD OF APPEALS

RALPH E. TOWNSLEY	Term expires June 1975
ROBERT P. KING	Term expires June 1976
KENNETH A. LILLY	Term expires June 1977
O. S. GRUNDEN, Associate Member	Term expires June 1975
CLEMENT H. RECORD & WILLIAM H. SCHREIBER, Associate Member	Term expires June 1977

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

LINWOOD B. LESURE	Term expires 1975
PHILIP DATER & PHILIP H. STEINMETZ	Term expires 1976
ARTHUR L. WILLIAMS	Term expires 1977

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

JUNE E. FITZGERALD	HOWARD C. BARNES
PHILIP F. NOLAN, JR.	ELEANOR M. WARD

SURVEYORS OF WOOD & LUMBER

DONALD S. GRAVES

DONALD A. BURNETT

FENCE VIEWERS

CHARLES C. GRAY

RUSSELL V. LOOMIS

DOG OFFICER

ROLAND D. TAYLOR

FIELD DRIVERS AND POUND KEEPERS

MALCOLM S. CLARK

MERTON HOWES

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

ARTHUR P. SILVESTER

FIRE CHIEF & FOREST WARDEN

ROBERT VAN IDERSTINE

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

WILLIAM R. FITZGERALD

INSPECTOR OF WIRES

DOUGLAS H. NYE

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

RALPH W. GRAVES

BURIAL AGENT

NORMAN PIKE

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

To the Citizens of Ashfield:

Following is the Selectmen's Report for the calendar year 1974. The past year would have to be characterized as frustrating as seen from this office what with its finalizing of the 18 month change-over to a fiscal year ending June 30th; the runaway increase in costs of almost all the goods and services used by the town with the resulting overruns in so many budgeted accounts and the State's complete change in road monies allocation which left us, and sometimes the Mass. Department of Public Works, at a loss to know exactly what was going on. Any one of the aforementioned changes would have been confusing enough by itself but taken collectively, they have been a real challenge. But with several Special Town Meetings to transfer funds to the overrun accounts, a few cuss words, a lot of telephone calls to people who were supposed to have the answers and a bit of luck, we feel we reached the end of December in a position to face the coming 12 months with a reasonable degree of confidence.

You will notice that the financial statement this year is different than usual in that part of it is for the six month period ending June 30th, which is the end of that budgeted year in most accounts. The remainder of the report is for the first six months of the current budgeted year.

A major item of interest to the citizens of Ashfield is the new set of State Building Codes that went into effect January 1st., 1975. Our best advice on this is that if you are planning any building or repair work on any building, either check with the Selectmen or the Building Inspector, Dexter T. Bliss, Tel. 774-3806, as to the proper steps to take to obtain a permit.

The Highway Department has continued its emphasis on upgrading existing road surfaces with what we believe has been a successful venture. More work was done on West Road during the summer and another section of the Spruce Corner Road was reconstructed during the fall.

As explained in their report, the Fire Department has done a considerable amount of research and is placing an article in the Annual Warrant to ask the townspeople for monies to purchase a new fire truck. The Selectmen are asking that you support this venture. It is a step in the planned orderly replacement of town equipment.

In closing, the Selectmen wish to express a heartfelt "Thank You" to all department and board personnel for their dedication and cooper-

ation this past year. It is this congenial atmosphere that makes for a smooth-running town and benefits all who live and work in it.

EDWARD W. SCOTT
RALPH L. HOWES
RUSSELL V. LOOMIS
Board of Selectmen

TRANSITIONAL YEAR — ENDING JUNE 30, 1974

AMBULANCE FUND

Unexpended Balance @Dec. 31, 1973		\$ 2,366.85
Ken's Cleaners	\$ 24.10	
Norm's Service Station	18.39	
Emergency Products	5.00	
E.M.T. Fees	60.00	
Supplies	20.39	
Dyna-Med	78.86	
Merriam Graves Corp.	3.20	
	<hr/>	\$ 209.94
Unexpended Balance @June 30, 1974		<hr/> \$ 2,156.91

ASHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Unexpended Balance @Dec. 31, 1973		\$123,974.45
Expended	\$112,334.35	112,334.35
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Unexpended Balance @June 30, 1974		\$ 11,640.10

ASSESSORS' EXPENSES

Overrun Account		\$ 000.00
Typing & secretarial	\$ 462.00	
Mass. Assoc. of Assessors - dues	21.00	
Intertec Publishing Co.	10.20	
Mileage & expenses	45.29	
	<hr/>	\$ 538.49
Deficit Balance @June 30, 1974		<hr/> \$ - 538.49

BONDS

Unexpended Balance @Dec. 31, 1973		\$ 447.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		19.00
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Massamont Insurance Agency	\$ 466.00	\$ 466.00

BRIDGES & RAILINGS

Appropriation	\$	200.00
Unexpended Balance @June 30, 1974	\$	200.00

BUILDING INSPECTOR DEPARTMENT — FRANKLIN COUNTY

Appropriation from Free Cash	\$	925.01
(Special Town Meeting, June 26, 1974)		
Franklin County Building Inspector Dept.	\$	925.01

CARE OF SOLDIERS' GRAVES

Unexpended Balance @Dec. 31, 1973	\$	175.00
Ashfield Burial Ground Association	\$	175.00

CHAPTER 81

Unexpended Balance @Dec. 31, 1973	\$	4,744.32
Appropriation from Chapter 1140, Section 22		3,900.00
(Special Town Meeting, April 15, 1974)		
State Allotment		20,751.00
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	\$	29,395.32

Labor	\$	6,931.55
Town Owned Equipment		3,372.75
Ralph Townsley		196.00
William C. Whitehouse		225.00
Armco Steel Corp.		682.97
Linwood Williams		264.25
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	\$	11,672.52

Unexpended Balance @June 30, 1974	\$	17,722.80
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CHAPTER 90 — CONSTRUCTION 1969

WEST ROAD

Unexpended Balance @Dec. 31, 1973	\$	1,945.19
Transferred from Reserve Fund		1.06
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	\$	1,946.25
Labor	\$	603.90
Town Owned Equipment		1,342.35
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	\$	1,946.25

CHAPTER 90 — CONSTRUCTION 1970

Unexpended Balance @Dec. 31, 1973	\$	29,000.00
Labor	\$	2,361.15
Town Owned Equipment		4,341.30
C. A. Dennison		45.00
Linwood Williams		43.30

George D. Judd	1,712.50	
William C. Whitehouse	900.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 9,403.25
Unexpended Balance @June 30, 1974		<hr/> \$ 19,596.75
CHAPTER 90 — CONSTRUCTION 1971		
Unexpended Balance @June 30, 1974		\$ 9,000.00
CHAPTER 90 — CONSTRUCTION 1972		
Unexpended Balance @June 30, 1974		\$ 9,000.00
CHAPTER 90 — CONSTRUCTION 1973		
SPRUCE CORNER ROAD		
Overrun Account —		
Unexpended Balance @Dec. 31, 1973		\$ 357.75
State Allotment Shortage	\$ 5,000.00	- 5,000.00
		<hr/> \$ - 4,642.25
Deficit Balance caused of:		
Appropriation from Chapter 1140, Section 22 (Special Town Meeting, April 15, 1974)		\$ 5,000.00
		<hr/> \$ 357.75
Labor	\$ 175.20	
Town Owned Equipment	184.90	
	<hr/>	360.10
Deficit Balance @June 30, 1974		<hr/> \$ - 2.35
CHAPTER 90 — IMPROVEMENT		
Unexpended Balance @Dec. 31, 1973		\$ 8,998.39
Warner Bros.	\$ 535.97	
Armco Steel Corp.	2,745.76	
Bill Willard, Inc.	1,082.80	
Labor	3,356.10	
Town Owned Equipment	605.35	
Warner Bros.	673.20	
	<hr/>	8,999.18
Deficit Balance @June 30, 1974		<hr/> \$ - .79
GENERAL HIGHWAY FUND		
Appropriation from Chapter 1140, Section 22 (Special Town Meeting, April 15, 1974)		\$ 12,000.00
Armco Steel, Inc.	\$ 2,247.38	
C. W. Ward, Inc.	528.00	

Labor	430.95	
Town Owned Equipment	282.10	
	<hr/>	\$ 3,488.43
Unexpended Balance @June 30, 1974		\$ 8,511.57
CIVIL DEFENSE		
Unexpended Balance @Dec. 31, 1973		\$ 49.28
Edward Scott — Mileage	\$ 30.40	
Raymond Reniff — Expenses	7.70	
	<hr/>	\$ 38.10
Unexpended Balance @June 30, 1974		\$ 11.18
CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR		
Unexpended Balance @Dec. 31, 1973		\$ 150.00
Raymond Reniff	\$ 150.00	<hr/>
CONSERVATION COMMISSION		
Unexpended Balance @Dec. 31, 1973		\$ 11.40
Transferred from Reserve Fund		3.60
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		\$ 15.00
Mass. Assoc. of Conservation Commission	\$ 15.00	<hr/>
DEED — LANDFILL DUMP		
Unexpended Balance @Dec. 31, 1973		\$ 400.00
Gordon E. Ainsworth & Assoc.	\$ 275.08	
Trudel & Bartlett	61.85	
	<hr/>	\$ 336.93
Unexpended Balance @June 30, 1974		\$ 63.07
DUMP		
Unexpended Balance @Dec. 31, 1973		\$ 3,395.50
Transfer to Workmen's Compensation Acc't (Special Town Meeting, June 26, 1974)		- 643.00
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		\$ 2,752.50
Wallace Stroheker — attendant	\$ 2,350.00	
Labor	111.60	
Margaret Dean — rent	62.50	
Wallace Stroheker — sand, fill	107.30	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,631.40
Unexpended Balance @June 30, 1974		\$ 121.10

LAND PURCHASE — LANDFILL DUMP

Unexpended Balance @Dec. 31, 1973		\$	500.00
Wallace Stroheker	\$	500.00	<u> </u>

ELECTION OFFICERS

Unexpended Balance @Dec. 31, 1973		\$	141.10
Election Officers	\$	121.90	<u>121.90</u>
Unexpended Balance @June 30, 1974		\$	19.20

FIRES & EQUIPMENT

Unexpended Balance @Dec. 31, 1973		\$	336.50
Transferred from District Nurse Account (Special Town Meeting, June 26, 1974)			<u>400.00</u>
		\$	736.50

Tri-State Dues	\$	20.50	
National Fire Protection Ass'n.		36.00	
Truck & equipment repairs		25.00	
Travel expense		8.30	
Training		16.00	
Water — Ashfield Water Co.		3.75	
Supplies		7.74	
Postage		.40	
Fire phone		243.60	
Business phone		130.44	
Payroll		239.60	
		<u> </u>	\$ 731.33

Unexpended Balance @June 30, 1974		\$	5.17
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BOARD OF HEALTH

Unexpended Balance @Dec. 31, 1973		\$	94.00
Samuel J. Galbo, M.D.	\$	40.00	
F. C. Board of Health Ass'n		6.00	
		<u> </u>	\$ 46.00

Unexpended Balance @June 30, 1974		\$	48.00
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HEATING TOWN BUILDINGS

Overrun Account — Unexpended Balance @Dec. 31, 1973		\$	502.37
Leo J. Burniske, Inc.	\$	759.60	<u>759.60</u>

Deficit Balance @June 30, 1974		\$	- 257.23
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HIGHWAY DEPT. — PAID VACATIONS & HOLIDAYS

Unexpended Balance @Dec. 31, 1973	\$	395.20
Transferred from Reserve Fund		471.50
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	\$	866.70
Expended	\$	866.70

HIGHWAY DEPT. — SICK LEAVE

Unexpended Balance @Dec. 31, 1973	\$	2,097.90
Expended	\$	319.95
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	\$	1,777.95
Unexpended Balance @June 30, 1974	\$	1,777.95

INSURANCE ON TOWN BUILDINGS & EQUIPMENT

Unexpended Balance @Dec. 31, 1973	\$	3,633.21
Massamont Insurance Agency	\$	3,448.70
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	\$	184.51
Unexpended Balance @June 30, 1974	\$	184.51

LIFEGUARD & SWIMMING INSTRUCTION

Unexpended Balance @Dec. 31, 1973	\$	220.00
Allison H. Greaney	\$	119.60
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	\$	100.40
Unexpended Balance @June 30, 1974	\$	100.40

MACHINERY EXPENSE ACCOUNT

Appropriation from Overlay Surplus	\$	10,000.00
(Special Town Meeting, April 15, 1974)		
Sweeney Ford Sales	\$	123.08
Willis G. Thayer		31.90
Norm's Service Station		69.40
Keyes Hardware		114.10
Wilt Armstrong Equipment		26.58
Premier Fastner Co.		105.88
Interstate Equip., Inc.		30.72
Ashfield Motor Sales		54.94
Western Mass. Electric Co.		84.30
Cowan Auto Supply, Inc.		39.59
Lawrence Baum		391.95
Raymond Wright		11.25
Dalton Tractor Co.		8.50
Leo J. Burniske, Inc.		1,454.08
1788 Yard		17.10
Payroll		357.00
Robert J. Ormond		4.75
Art's Tire Service		18.00

Ralph Whiteman	80.88	
Wholesale Distributors	28.00	
New England Telephone	71.72	
R. H. Nye	3.00	
Ashfield Water Co.	4.50	
Rugg Lumber Co.	9.00	
A.S.A.P. Electrical	11.52	
C. W. Ward, Inc.	409.25	
RoBrand Products	55.81	
Ferrara Springs	69.53	
Bernardston Equipment	468.01	
Graves Equipment	12.27	
Helm, Inc.	4.80	
Brass Corp. of America	360.56	
Sears Co.	43.17	
Design Co.	35.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 4,610.14

Unexpended Balance @June 30, 1974	\$ 5,389.86
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MEMORIAL DAY

Overrun Account — Unexpended Balance @Dec. 31, 1974	\$ 306.00
Mohawk Trail Reg. School Band — twice \$	200.00
Doris Howes — geraniums	42.00
Veterans' Service Center — flags	98.48
American Legion Aux. — Ashfield	25.00
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	\$ 365.48

Deficit Balance @June 30, 1974	\$ -59.48
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MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL — CAPITAL & OPERATING

Unexpended Balance @Dec. 31, 1973	\$ 46,394.21
Expended	\$ 46,394.21

DISTRICT NURSE — ASHFIELD SHARE

Unexpended Balance @Dec. 31, 1973	\$ 1,550.21
Transfer to Fires & Equipment Acc't	400.00
(Special Town Meeting, June 26, 1974)	<hr/>
	\$ 1,150.21
Salary	\$ 828.62
Mileage & supplies	110.16
Barbara Zalenski, typing	3.12
Helen H. Clayton, substitute	71.43
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	\$ 1,013.33
Unexpended Balance @June 30, 1974	\$ 136.88

OFFICE EXPENSE

Unexpended Balance @Dec. 31, 1973		\$ 1,809.97
Transferred from Reserve Fund		759.88
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		\$ 2,569.85
Franklin C'ty Registry of Deeds	\$	57.00
Mass. Selectmen's Assoc. Dues		75.00
Mass. Town Clerk's Assoc. Dues		10.00
Barrett & Baker		21.35
City & Town Clerk's Assoc.		2.00
New England Telephone		132.87
Greenfield Recorder Gazette		133.03
Typing & Secretarial		1,171.29
Cadette Girl Scouts — Del. Town Reports		30.00
Mass. Federation of Planning Boards		15.00
Mass. Collector & Treasurer's Assoc., Dues		16.00
Country Bank		7.25
E. A. Hall & Co. — Stationery		116.40
Franklin C'ty Selectmen's Assoc.		15.00
Blooms Photo Supply, Inc.		84.35
Hobbs & Warren, Inc.		190.89
Jane Ward		211.80
Ashfield Post Office		33.00
Burroughs Corp.		27.60
Charity Tirrell — Street Lists		75.00
A. W. LaFond		145.02
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		\$ 2,569.85

OFFICE ADDITION

Unexpended Balance @Dec. 31, 1973		\$ 947.58
Blooms Photo Supply Co.	\$	495.00
Ralph S. Pease — carpentry		452.58
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		\$ 947.58

PARK & BEACH MAINTENANCE

Unexpended Balance @Dec. 31, 1973		\$ 418.87
Transferred from Reserve Fund		130.74
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		\$ 549.61
Payroll	\$	183.15
Keyes Hardware		30.57
Supplies		25.86
Baker's Pharmacy		16.13
Elmer's Store		6.66
Western Mass. Electric Co.		12.76

Agway, Inc.	179.98	
C. W. Ward, Inc.	94.50	
	<hr/>	\$ 549.61

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Unexpended Balance @Dec. 31, 1973	\$ 231.44
Appropriation from Free Cash	1,200.00
(Special Town Meeting, June 26, 1974)	
Transferred from Reserve Fund	172.80

\$ 1,604.24

Payroll	\$ 744.13
Ashfield Motor Sales	12.00
Norm's Service Station	103.44
New England Telephone	142.07
Forbes Camera Shop	16.95
Supplies	62.43
Cromco Electronics	47.70
George Kenney Associates	60.42
Sentry Uniform & Equipment	97.30
Shelburne Falls Garage	209.80
Cohn & Levitch	108.00
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	\$ 1,604.24

POLICE CHIEF

Unexpended Balance @Dec. 31, 1973	\$ 1,509.84
Transferred from Reserve Fund	488.16

\$ 1,998.00

Walter D. Zalenski	\$ 1,998.00
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REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Overrun Account — Unexpended Balance @Dec. 31, 1973	\$ 150.00
E. A. Hall Co. — Voting lists	\$ 210.32

\$ - 60.32

RENT OF HYDRANTS

Unexpended Balance @Dec. 31, 1973	\$ 172.50
Transferred from Reserve Fund	22.50

\$ 195.00

Ashfield Water Co.	\$ 195.00
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STREET LIGHTS

Unexpended Balance @Dec. 31, 1973	\$ 995.58
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Transferred from Reserve Fund		96.12
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		<u>\$ 1,091.70</u>
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Western Mass. Electric Co.	\$ 1,091.70	
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SUPPLEMENTAL COUNTY TAX

Unexpended Balance @Dec. 31, 1973		\$ 487.75
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Expended	\$ 487.75	<u> </u>
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TOWN COUNSEL

Unexpended Balance @Dec. 31, 1973		\$ 446.37
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Stoddard, Ball, Bartlett & Trudel	\$ 408.50	<u>408.50</u>
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Unexpended Balance @June 30, 1974		\$ 37.87
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TOWN HALL

Unexpended Balance @Dec. 31, 1973		\$ 851.78
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Appropriation from Free Cash		700.00
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(Special Town Meeting, June 26, 1974)		
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Transferred from Reserve Fund		<u>31.10</u>
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		\$ 1,582.88
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Western Mass. Electric Co.	\$ 290.82	
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R. H. Nye	393.77	
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Harold Stockwell	63.20	
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Keyes Hardware	28.51	
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Roger Pearce	6.20	
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Douglas Cranson — janitor	106.00	
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Ashfield Water Co.	7.50	
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Ralph Pease — carpentry	674.19	
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Elmer's Store	12.69	
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	<u> </u>	\$ 1,582.88
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TOWN OFFICERS

Unexpended Balance @Dec. 31, 1973		\$ 3,615.00
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Linwood B. Lesure, Moderator	\$ 20.00	
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Edward W. Scott, Selectman	250.00	
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Ralph L. Howes, Selectman & Assessor	450.00	
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Russell V. Loomis, Selectman	250.00	
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Eleanor M. Ward, Town Clerk	450.00	
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Jane E. Ward, Treas. & Collector of Taxes	950.00	
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Malcolm S. Clark, Assessor	200.00	
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Warren M. Chase, Assessor	200.00	
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Robert Van Iderstine, Fire Chief	175.00	
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Roland D. Taylor, Dog Officer	10.00	
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P. Jordan Monohon, Auditor	10.00	
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Barbara V. Zalenski, School Committee	75.00	
Robert Robertson, School Committee	75.00	
Dorothy D. Craft, School Committee	37.50	
Sandra E. Gallerani, School Committee	37.50	
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		\$ 3,190.00

Unexpended Balance @June 30, 1974		\$ 425.00
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TOWN REPORTS & BALLOTS

Unexpended Balance @Dec. 31, 1973		\$ 39.67
Appropriation from Free Cash		1,646.53
(Special Town Meeting, June 26, 1974)		<hr/>
		\$ 1,686.20
E. A. Hall Co., Inc.	\$ 1,686.20	<hr/>

TREE WARDEN

Unexpended Balance @Dec. 31, 1973		\$ 944.98
Payroll	\$ 647.01	
Cotton Tree Service	154.00	
Karl Cuemmering — Supplies	140.58	
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Unexpended Balance @June 30, 1974		\$ 3.39

VETERANS' BENEFITS

Unexpended Balance @Dec. 31, 1973		\$ 869.37
Expended	\$ 515.79	515.79
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Unexpended Balance @June 30, 1974		\$ 353.58

VETERANS' CENTER — MAINTENANCE

Unexpended Balance @Dec. 31, 1973		\$ 554.40
Veterans' Center	\$ 554.40	<hr/>

WINTER ROADS

Unexpended Balance @Dec. 31, 1973		\$ 14,095.42
Appropriation from Free Cash		1,827.22
(Special Town Meeting, June 26, 1974)		<hr/>
		\$ 15,922.64
Payroll	\$ 11,911.70	
Wholesale Distributors	686.46	
Ralph Whiteman	596.66	
Chemical Corp.	309.40	
Terry Pease	209.00	
Leo J. Burniske, Inc.	2,082.82	
Tri County Contractors Supply	126.60	
	<hr/>	\$ 15,922.64

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION

Unexpended Balance @Dec. 31, 1973	\$ 1,495.00
Transferred from Dump Account	643.00
(Special Town Meeting, June 26, 1974)	<hr/>
	\$ 2,138.00
Massamont Insurance Agency	\$ 2,138.00

RESERVE FUND

Unexpended Balance @Dec. 31, 1973	\$ 2,197.29
Bonds	\$ 19.00
Chapter 90 Construction — 1969	1.06
Conservation Commission	3.60
Highway Dept. — Paid Vacations & Holidays	471.50
Office Expense	759.88
Park & Beach	130.74
Police Department	172.80
Police Chief	488.16
Rent of Hydrants	22.50
Street Lights	96.12
Town Hall	31.10
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	\$ 2,196.46
Unexpended Balance @June 30, 1974	\$.83

SUMMARY OF SELECTMEN'S ORDERS

Abatements — Motor Vehicle	\$ 214.56
Abatements — Real Estate	175.00
Ambulance Fund	209.94
Ashfield Public Schools — School Warrant	112,334.35
Assessors' Expenses	538.49
Bonds	466.00
Building Inspector Dept.	925.01
Care of Soldiers' Graves	175.00
Chapter 81	11,672.52
Chapter 90 — Construction 1969	1,946.25
Chapter 90 — Construction 1970	9,403.25
Chapter 90 — Construction 1973	360.10
Chapter 90 — Improvement	8,999.18
Chapter 497 — Highway Fund	3,488.43
Charity	75.00
Civil Defense	38.10
Civil Defense Director	150.00
Conservation Commission	15.00
Demands — Tax Collector	69.00

Dog Licenses — Treasurer, Franklin County	431.75
Dump	2,631.40
Deed — Landfill Lump	336.93
Landfill Dump — Land Purchase	500.00
Election Officers	121.90
Fires & Equipment	731.33
William Hathaway Fund	20.00
Health, Board of	46.00
Heating — Town Buildings	759.60
Highway Dept. — Paid Vacations & Holidays	866.70
Highway Dept. — Sick Leave	319.95
Insurance — Town Buildings & Equipment	3,448.70
Lifeguard — Swimming Instructor	119.60
Machinery Expenses	4,610.14
Memorial Day	365.48
Mohawk Trail Regional High School	46,394.21
Nurse — Ashfield's Share of District	1,013.33
Office Expense	2,569.85
Office Addition	947.58
Parks & Beach	549.61
Police Department	1,604.24
Police Chief	1,998.00
Registrars of Voters	210.32
Rent of Hydrants	195.00
Street Lights	1,091.70
Tax, Franklin County	9,983.13
Tax, Supplemental, Franklin County	487.75
Town Counsel	408.50
Town Hall	1,582.88
Town Officers	3,190.00
Town Reports & Ballots	1,686.20
Tree Warden	941.59
Veterans' Benefits	515.79
Veterans' Center, Maintenance	554.40
Winter Roads	15,922.64
Workmen's Compensation	2,138.00
Income, Interest Returned to Acc'ts:	
M. M. Belding Library	114.86
Fred Cross Library	132.84
Cemetery Fund	73.07
Income:	
Police — Special Duty	380.00
Retirement System — Deductions	2,251.17
Taxes — State Withholding — Deductions	3,853.18

Taxes — Duplicate Real Estate Payment	730.87
Tax Collector — Correct Treasury Account	71.05

TOTAL	<u>\$268,156.42</u>
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EDWARD W. SCOTT
RALPH L. HOWES
RUSSELL V. LOOMIS
Selectmen of Ashfield

SPECIAL TOWN MEETINGS

	<i>Available Funds</i>
April 15, 1974	
Chapter 81 —	
Appropriation from Chapter 1140, Section 22	\$ 3,900.00
Chapter 90 Construction — 1973 —	
Appropriation from Chapter 1140, Section 22	5,000.00
General Highway Fund —	
Appropriation from Chapter 1140, Section 22	12,000.00
Machinery Expense Account —	
Appropriation from Overlay Surplus	10,000.00
June 26, 1974	
Town Hall —	
Appropriation from Free Cash	700.00
Winter Roads —	
Appropriation from Free Cash	1,827.22
Police Department —	
Appropriation from Free Cash	1,200.00
Town Reports & Ballots —	
Appropriation from Free Cash	1,646.53
Workmen's Compensation —	
Transfer from Dump Account	643.00
Fires & Equipment —	
Transfer from District Nurse Account	400.00
Franklin County Building Inspector Dept. —	
Appropriation from Free Cash	925.01
TOTAL:	<u>\$ 38,241.76</u>

ATTEST:

ELEANOR M. WARD, Town Clerk

July 1, 1974 — December 31, 1974

To cover overruns in the following departments during the 1973-1974 eighteenth month period:

Special Town Meeting, October 21, 1974

Appropriation from Overlay Surplus		\$ 917.87
Assessors' Expenses	\$ 538.49	
Heating of Town Buildings	257.23	
Memorial Day	59.48	
Registrars of Voters	60.32	
Chapter 90 Construction — 1973	2.35	
Total of:	\$ 917.87	

AMBULANCE FUND

Earnings & Gifts for 1973		\$ 1,062.00
Balance of Ambulance Fund forward @ June 30, 1974		2,156.91
		\$ 3,218.91
Ken's Cleaners	\$ 18.35	
Massamont Insurance Co.	430.24	
Merriam Graves Corp.	21.05	
Jeff's Auto Body	65.00	
Cowan's Auto Supply	56.10	
Postage	5.00	
Apothecary Shop	48.00	
		\$ 643.74
Unexpended Balance @ Dec. 31, 1974		\$ 2,575.17

ASHFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Appropriation		\$ 151.65
Ashfield Historical Society	\$ 151.65	

ASHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Appropriation		\$230,636.00
Expended	\$ 93,996.83	93,996.83
Unexpended Balance @ Dec. 31, 1974		\$136,639.17

ASSESSORS' EXPENSES

Appropriation		\$ 1,000.00
Typing & secretarial	\$ 172.60	
Mileage & Supplies	45.27	217.87
Unexpended Balance @ Dec. 31, 1974		\$ 782.13

ASSESSORS' SALARIES

Appropriation		\$ 1,800.00
Unexpended Balance @ Dec. 31, 1974		\$ 1,800.00

BELDING MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Appropriation		\$ 1,500.00
Belding Memorial Library	\$ 1,500.00	<hr/>

BONDS

Appropriation		\$ 500.00
Unexpended Balance @ Dec. 31, 1974		\$ 500.00

BRIDGES & RAILINGS

Appropriation		\$ 200.00
H. A. Cranson & Son — Planks	\$ 100.00	100.00
Unexpended Balance @ Dec. 31, 1974		<hr/>
		\$ 100.00

BUILDING INSPECTOR DEPT.

Refund from Franklin County Building Inspector Dept.	\$ 925.01	
Building Inspector — Dexter T. Bliss	\$ 10.78	10.78
Unexpended Balance @ Dec. 31, 1974		<hr/>
		\$ 914.23

CARE OF SOLDIERS' GRAVES

Appropriation		\$ 175.00
Unexpended Balance @ Dec. 31, 1974		\$ 175.00

CHAPTER 81

Unexpended Balance @ June 30, 1974		\$ 17,722.80
Warner Bros.	\$ 1,235.61	
True Corp.	74.10	
Labor	7,084.80	
A. Linwood Williams — gravel	126.00	
William C. Whitehouse	180.00	
All States Asphalt, Inc.	5,384.07	
Bill Willard, Inc.	1,247.00	
John J. Hudson, Inc.	2,799.50	18,131.08
Deficit Balance @ Dec. 31, 1974		<hr/>
		\$ —408.28

CHAPTER 90 — CONSTRUCTION 1970

WEST ROAD

Unexpended Balance @ June 30, 1974		\$ 19,596.75
Labor	\$ 2,414.45	
Keyes Hardware	12.12	

George Judd	1,257.88	
William C. Whitehouse	900.00	
A. Linwood Williams — gravel	68.60	
Ralph Whiteman	25.00	4,678.05
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Unexpended Balance @ Dec. 31, 1974		\$ 14,918.70
 <i>CHAPTER 90 — CONSTRUCTION 1971</i>		
Unexpended Balance @ Dec. 31, 1974		\$ 9,000.00
 <i>CHAPTER 90 — CONSTRUCTION 1972</i>		
Unexpended Balance @ Dec. 31, 1974		\$ 9,000.00
 <i>CHAPTER 90 — CONSTRUCTION 1975</i>		
<i>FISCAL YEAR — SPRUCE CORNER ROAD</i>		
Appropriation		\$ 4,750.00
County Allotment		4,750.00
State Allotment		25,251.00
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		\$ 34,751.00
Labor	\$ 3,211.90	
C. A. Denison	30.00	
A. Linwood Williams — gravel	1,539.50	
William C. Whitehouse	1,672.00	
Max Antes	256.00	
Tobin Bros.	395.83	
Warner Bros.	49.40	
C. W. Ward, Inc.	945.50	
Town of Plainfield	309.60	
All States Asphalt, Inc.	2,646.57	
Bill Willard, Inc.	947.09	12,003.39
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Unexpended Balance @ Dec. 31, 1974		\$ 22,747.61
 <i>CHAPTER 90 — IMPROVEMENT</i>		
Appropriation		\$ 10,000.00
County Allotment		10,000.00
State Allotment		10,000.00
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		\$ 30,000.00
Labor	\$ 9,218.30	
All States Asphalt, Inc.	3,303.24	
Warner Bros.	294.55	
Bill Willard, Inc.	2,081.22	
Town of Plainfield	166.50	
C. W. Ward, Inc.	629.00	

William C. Whitehouse	1,228.00	
John J. Hudson, Inc.	3,287.22	
Rudolph Fournier	9.00	
Frederick Jenkins	9.00	
Agway, Inc.	122.45	
A. Linwood Williams — gravel	84.00	
Donald S. Graves — Lumber	90.00	\$ 20,522.48

Unexpended Balance @ Dec. 31, 1974	\$ 9,477.52
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GENERAL HIGHWAY FUND

Unexpended Balance @ June 30, 1974	\$ 8,511.57
Appropriation from Chapter 1140, Section 22	19,877.00

(Special Town Meeting, October 21, 1974)	\$ 28,388.57
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Labor	\$ 13,479.00	
William C. Whitehouse	270.00	
C. W. Ward, Inc.	1,376.00	
A. Linwood Williams — gravel	198.50	
All States Asphalt, Inc.	3,519.06	
Town of Plainfield	33.30	
Sidal Aluminum Corp.	193.08	19,068.94

Unexpended Balance @ Dec. 31, 1974	\$ 9,319.63
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CIVIL DEFENSE

Unexpended Balance Forward from June 30, 1974	\$ 11.18
Raymond Reniff — Mileage	\$ 4.80

Unexpended Balance @ Dec. 31, 1974	\$ 6.38
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CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR

Appropriation	\$ 300.00
Raymond Reniff	\$ 150.00

Unexpended Balance @ Dec. 31, 1974	\$ 150.00
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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Appropriation	\$ 100.00
Unexpended Balance @ Dec. 31, 1974	\$ 100.00

DUMP

Appropriation	\$ 5,500.00
Labor	\$ 367.20
Wallace Stroheker — attendant	2,234.28
Wood purchased	60.00

Fill	175.70	
Plowing	60.00	2,897.18

Unexpended Balance @ Dec. 31, 1974		\$ 2,602.82
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ELECTIONS

Appropriation		\$ 600.00
Norman Pike	\$ 27.50	
Walter Zalenski	60.00	
Catherine Fessenden	33.75	
Eleanor Ward	60.00	
Frank Eldridge	16.25	
Gilbert Graves	11.25	
Kathleen O'Donnell	22.50	
Clement Record	31.25	
Norman Nye	22.50	
Philip Steinmetz	12.50	
Charles Williams	6.25	
Walter Doneilo	6.25	
Helen Pease	6.25	
Kenneth Lilly	6.25	
Norene Pease	6.25	328.75

Unexpended Balance @ Dec. 31, 1974		\$ 271.25
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FIRES & EQUIPMENT

Appropriation		\$ 3,000.00
Supplies	\$ 133.10	
Equipment	499.38	
Radio Repairs	111.75	
Fire phone	228.60	
Station phone	192.41	
Insurance	222.00	
Training	72.00	
Water — Ashfield Water Co.	3.75	
Gas	20.91	
Truck & equipment repair	171.82	
Postage	2.30	1,658.02

Unexpended Balance @ Dec. 31, 1974		\$ 1,341.98
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BOARD OF HEALTH

Appropriation		\$ 100.00
Parke & Davis — Antigen for Flu Clinic	\$ 69.60	69.60

Unexpended Balance @ Dec. 31, 1974		\$ 30.40
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HEATING TOWN BUILDINGS

Appropriation		\$ 1,600.00
Leo J. Burniske, Inc.	\$ 152.93	152.93
Unexpended Balance @ Dec. 31, 1974		\$ 1,447.07

HIGHWAY DEPT. — PAID VACATIONS & HOLIDAYS

Appropriation		\$ 3,550.00
Expendde	\$ 2,667.60	2,667.60
Unexpended Balance @ Dec. 31, 1974		\$ 882.40

HIGHWAY DEPT. — SICK LEAVE

Appropriation		\$ 1,190.00
Expended	\$ 232.20	232.20
Unexpended Balance @ Dec. 31, 1974		\$ 957.80

HIGHWAY DEPT. PICK-UP

Appropriation		\$ 3,000.00
Ashfield Motor Sales	\$ 2,400.00	2,400.00
Unexpended Balance returned to Revenue Sharing		\$ 600.00

INSPECTION OF ANIMALS

Appropriation		\$ 125.00
Unexpended Balance @ Dec. 31, 1974		\$ 125.00

INSURANCE ON TOWN BUILDINGS & EQUIPMENT

Appropriation		\$ 4,500.00
Massamont Insurance Agency	\$ 1,078.87	1,078.87
Unexpended Balance @ Dec. 31, 1974		\$ 3,421.13

LIFEGUARD & SWIMMING INSTRUCTION

Appropriation		\$ 1,500.00
Allison Greaney	\$ 1,046.50	
Ronald Coler	102.00	
Timothy Bitsberger	70.00	
Eric Tirrell	6.00	1,224.50
Unexpended Balance @ Dec. 31, 1974		\$ 275.50

MACHINERY EXPENSE

Transferred 1973 Machinery Earnings	\$ 12,863.17
Transferred Earnings (January 1974-June 1974)	6,306.75
(Special Town Meeting, December 23, 1974)	
Transferred Balance of Machinery Expense Acc't. as of June 30, 1974	5,389.86
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(Special Town Meeting, December 23, 1974)	\$ 24,559.78

Tri County Construction Supply —

Stone spreaders	\$ 465.50
Ashfield Motor Sales	32.27
R. White	68.10
Graves Equipment	61.14
F. N. Graves & Son	5.30
Lawrence Baum	178.88
Carroll Bros. Express	7.20
George Bennett	18.00
Foster & Co., Inc.	56.23
Western Mass. Electric	41.76
Cowan Auto Supply	29.62
Sweeney Ford	111.34
Ware Metal Co.	64.50
Payroll	1,273.20
New England Telephone	73.66
Anderson Engineering	397.00
A.S.A.P. Electrical	58.95
Interstate Equipment	104.88
Dalton Tractor Co.	18.67
W. S. Darley Co.	39.80
Premier Fastner Co.	211.65
Scudder's G.M.C.	285.10
Art's Tire Service	94.10
C. W. Ward, Inc.	227.69
Ralph Whiteman	65.56
Frank Boudreau	30.00
Mr. Tire	790.06
Gulf Oil Corp.	509.10
Leo J. Burniske, Inc.	3,474.98
Bernardston Equipment	150.66
Willis Thayer	4.70
Shelburne Falls Garage	28.85
1788 Yard	17.10
Ashfield Water Co.	4.50
Keyes Hardware	164.10

Share Corp.	65.78	
Norm's Service Station	11.45	\$ 9,241.38

Unexpended Balance @ Dec. 31, 1974	\$ 15,318.40
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MEMORIAL DAY

Appropriation	\$ 200.00
Unexpended Balance @ Dec. 31, 1974	\$ 200.00

MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL CAPITAL, OPERATING & VOCATIONAL

Appropriation	\$185,706.83
Expended	\$102,138.76

Unexpended Balance @ Dec. 31, 1974	\$ 83,568.07
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DISTRICT NURSE — ASHFIELD'S SHARE

Appropriation	\$ 2,385.00
Salary	\$ 902.50
Mileage & Supplies	163.97

Unexpended Balance @ Dec. 31, 1974	\$ 1,318.53
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OFFICE EXPENSE

Appropriation	\$ 5,500.00
Print Shop	\$ 115.00
Supplies	14.78
Mass. Federation of Planning Boards	30.00
Mass. Town Clerk's Assoc. — Dues	10.00
Greenfield Recorder — Public notices	127.07
Bloom's Photo Supply	52.40
Ashfield Post Office — Stamped envelopes	312.20
Mass. Selectmen's Assoc. — Dues	97.50
New England Telephone	124.40
Typing & secretarial	1,172.00
Douglas Nye — Wire Inspections	50.00
Selectmen's Expenses	25.50
Western Mass. Electric	73.24
Florence Press	23.91
A. W. LaFond	208.25
Registry of Deeds	34.50
Hobbs & Warren — Printed Forms	138.16
R. D. Smith — Paper supplies	12.20
Barrett & Baker — Office supplies	68.30

Unexpended Balance @ Dec. 31, 1974	\$ 2,810.59
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PAINTING — TOWN HALL

Appropriation		\$ 1,500.00
William F. Gray	\$ 1,492.53	1,492.53
Unexpended Balance @ Dec. 31, 1974		\$ 7.47

PARK & BEACH MAINTENANCE

Appropriation		\$ 600.00
Eugene Poissant — Lighting	\$ 154.54	
Western Mass. Electric	48.51	
C. W. Ward, Inc. — Sand	53.55	
Keyes Hardware	7.19	
Walter Tirrell — maintenance	50.00	
Arthur Pantermehl — supplies	20.35	
New England Telephone	67.99	402.13
Unexpended Balance @ Dec. 31, 1974		\$ 197.87

POLICE CHIEF

Appropriation		\$ 10,500.00
Walter D. Zalenski, Chief	\$ 4,812.50	4,812.50
Unexpended Balance @ Dec. 31, 1974		\$ 5,687.50

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation		\$ 2,250.00
Appropriation from Free Cash		1,955.90
(Special Town Meeting, December 23, 1974)		\$ 4,205.90
Cromco Electronic	\$ 296.20	
Lawrence Baum	12.96	
Sentry Uniform	5.95	
Forbes Camera Shop	5.58	
New England Telephone	141.61	
Norm's Service Station	74.62	
Vight's Garage	7.18	
Payroll	1,131.00	
Sears & Roebuck	241.25	
Barrett & Baker	7.35	
Shelburne Falls Garage	416.82	2,340.52
Unexpected Balance @ Dec. 31, 1974		\$ 1,865.38

POLICE DEPT. — FRANKLIN COUNTY RADIO SYSTEM

Appropriation from Free Cash		\$ 44.10
(Special Town Meeting, December 23, 1974)		
Unexpended Balance @ Dec. 31, 1974		\$ 44.10

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Appropriation		\$	300.00
Unexpended Balance @ Dec. 31, 1974		\$	300.00

RENT OF HYDRANTS

Appropriation		\$	400.00
Ashfield Water Co.	\$	187.50	187.50
Unexpended Balance @ Dec. 31, 1974		\$	212.50

FRANKLIN COUNTY RETIREMENT SYSTEM—MAINTENANCE

Appropriation		\$	6,466.00
Expended	\$	3,233.00	3,233.00
Unexpended Balance @ Dec. 31,, 1974		\$	3,233.00

STREET LIGHTS

Appropriation		\$	2,500.00
Western Mass. Electric Co.	\$	1,187.86	1,187.86
Unexpended Balance @ Dec. 31, 1974		\$	1,312.14

TOWN COUNSEL

Appropriation		\$	800.00
Trudel & Bartlett	\$	373.31	373.31
Unexpended Balance @ Dec. 31, 1974		\$	426.69

TOWN HALL

Appropriation		\$	2,000.00
Commonwealth of Mass. — Hall License	\$	25.00	
Western Mass. Electric Co.		252.23	
S.D. Fire Equip. Co.		9.00	
Douglas Cranson — janitor		146.00	
Robert H. Nye — wiring		67.00	
Ashfield Water Co.		7.50	506.73
Unexpended Balance @ Dec. 31, 1974		\$	1,493.27

TOWN HISTORY — REPRINTS

Appropriation		\$	3,000.00
Clearwater Publishing Co.	\$	2,975.00	2,975.00
Balance returned to Frederick A. Cross Fund		\$	25.00

TOWN OFFICERS

Appropriation		\$ 5,200.00
Unexpended Balance @ Dec. 31, 1974		\$ 5,200.00

TOWN REPORTS & BALLOTS

Appropriation		\$ 2,500.00
Unexpended Balance @ Dec. 31, 1974		\$ 2,500.00

TREE WARDEN

Appropriation		\$ 1,800.00
Ramon Sears	\$ 572.96	
Arthur Williams	220.88	
Dennis Morin	277.88	
John Meehan	294.50	1,366.22
Unexpended Balance @ Dec. 31, 1974		\$ 433.78

VETERANS' BENEFITS

Appropriation		\$ 3,500.00
Expended	\$ 295.84	295.84
Unexpended Balance @ Dec. 31, 1974		\$ 3,204.16

VETERANS' CENTER — MAINTENANCE

Appropriation		\$ 1,269.50
Unexpended Balance @ Dec. 31, 1974		\$ 1,269.50

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION

Appropriation		\$ 2,500.00
Massamont Insurance Agency	\$ 337.00	337.00
Unexpended Balance @ Dec. 31, 1974		\$ 2,163.00

WINTER ROADS

Appropriation		\$ 30,000.00
Whitehall Chemical Corp.	\$ 2,105.74	
A. Linwood Williams — sand	881.65	
Labor	3,520.00	6,507.39
Unexpended Balance @ Dec. 31, 1974		\$ 23,492.61

RESERVE FUND

Appropriation		\$ 2,500.00
Unexpended Balance @ Dec. 31, 1974		\$ 2,500.00

SUMMARY OF SELECTMEN'S ORDERS

June 30, 1974 — December 31, 1974

Abatements — Motor Vehicle	\$ 316.10
Ambulance Fund	643.74
Ashfield Historical Society	151.65
Ashfield Public Schools — School Warrant	93,996.83
Assessors' Expenses	217.87
Belding Memorial Library	1,500.00
Bridges & Railings	100.00
Building Inspector Dept.	10.78
Chapter 81	18,131.08
Chapter 90 Construction 1970	16,681.44
Chapter 90 Improvement	20,522.48
General Highway Fund	19,068.94
Charity	110.00
Civil Defense	4.80
Civil Defense Director	150.00
Commonwealth of Massachusetts:	
Motor Vehicle State Assessment	211.20
Pioneer Valley Air Pollution District	149.16
State Assessment System	52.40
State Audit	3,361.78
State Recreation Areas	5,708.22
Dump	2,897.18
Elections	328.75
Fires & Equipment	1,658.02
Health, Board of	69.60
Heating Town Buildings	152.93
Highway Dept. — Paid Vacations & Holidays	2,667.60
Highway Dept. — Sick Leave	232.20
Highway Dept. Pickup Truck	2,400.00
Insurance on Town Buildings & Equipment	1,078.87
Lifeguard & Swimming Instruction	1,224.50
Machinery Expense	9,241.38
Mohawk Trail Regional High School, Cap., Oper. & Vocat.	102,138.76
Mohawk Trail Regional High School, Chapter 766	2,948.00
Nurse, Ashfield's Share	1,066.47
Office Expense	2,689.41
Painting Town Hall	1,492.53
Park & Beach Maintenance	402.13
Police Chief's Salary	4,812.50
Police Department	2,340.52
Rent of Hydrants	187.50
Retirement System — Maintenance	3,233.00
Street Lights	1,187.86
Tax, Franklin County	19,603.99

Town Counsel	373.31
Town Hall	506.73
Town History — Reprints	2,975.00
Tree Warden	1,366.22
Veteran's Benefits	295.84
Workmen's Compensation	337.00
Winter Roads	6,507.39
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	\$357,503.66

Income:

Dog Licenses — Treas. Franklin County	360.90
Police — Special Duty	520.00
Transfer to Savings	49,000.00
Retirement System — Deductions	1,852.43
Taxes — State Withholding — Deductions	3,107.60

TOTAL	<hr/>	\$412,344.59
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EDWARD W. SCOTT
RALPH L. HOWES
RUSSELL V. LOOMIS
Board of Selectmen
Ashfield

Following is a list of the Appropriations made by the Voters of the Town of Ashfield at the Annual Town Meeting, March 2, 1974:

	<i>By Taxation</i>	<i>Available Funds</i>
Ambulance Maintenance Fund — Transfer	\$	\$
1973 Earnings & Gifts (\$1,062.00)		
1973 Balance (\$2,366.85)		3,428.85
Ashfield Historical Society	151.65	
Assessors' Expenses	1,000.00	
Assessors' Salaries (Revenue Sharing)		1,600.00
Belding Memorial Library — portion of operating costs (Rev. Shar.)		1,500.00
Bonds (Revenue Sharing)		500.00
Bridges & Railings	200.00	
Care of Soldiers' Graves (Revenue Sharing)		175.00
Chapter 90 — Construction	4,750.00	
Chapter 90 — Improvement	10,000.00	
Civil Defense Director	300.00	
Conservation Commission	100.00	
Dump	5,500.00	

Elections	600.00	
Financing Highway Grants (Free Cash)		20,000.00
Fires & Equipment	3,000.00	
Health, Board of	100.00	
Heating — Town Hall & Fire House	1,600.00	
Highway Dept.:		
Paid Vacations & Holidays	3,550.00	
Sick Leave	1,190.00	
Pick up Truck, New (Revenue Sharing)		3,000.00
Inspection of Animals (Revenue Sharing)		125.00
Insurance on Town Buildings & Equipment	4,500.00	
Lifeguard & Swimming Instruction	1,500.00	
Machinery Expense Acct. — Transfer		
1973 Earnings (\$12,863.17)		12,863.17
Memorial Day	200.00	
Nurse — Ashfield's Share	2,385.00	
Office Expenses	5,500.00	
Painting — Portion of Town Hall (Cross Fund)		1,500.00
Parks & Beach	600.00	
Police Department	2,250.00	
Police Chief (Revenue Sharing)		10,500.00
Printing Town Reports & Ballots (Revenue Sharing)		2,500.00
Registrars (Revenue Sharing)		300.00
Rent of Hydrants	400.00	
Reserve Fund (Overlay Surplus)		2,500.00
Retirement System, Franklin County		
(Rvenue Sharing)		6,466.00
Schools:		
Ashfield Public & Elementary Schools	230,636.00	
Mohawk Trail Regional —		
Cap., Oper., Vocat.	185,706.83	
Street Lights	2,500.00	
Town Counsel	800.00	
Town Hall	2,000.00	
Town History, Reprinting (Cross Fund)		3,000.00
Town Officers (Revenue Sharing)		5,200.00
Tree Warden	1,800.00	
Veterans' Benefits	3,500.00	
Western Franklin Veterans' Center;		
Mainten. (Revenue Shar.)		1,269.50
Winter Roads	30,000.00	
Workmens' Compensation (Revenue Sharing)		2,500.00
TOTALS	\$506,319.48	\$ 79,127.52

SPECIAL TOWN MEETINGS

October 21, 1974:

General Highway Fund —	
Appropriation from Chapter 1140, Section 22	\$ 19,877.00
Assessors' Expenses —	
Appropriation from Overlay Surplus	538.49
Heating of Town Buildings —	
Appropriation from Overlay Surplus	257.23
Memorial Day —	
Appropriation from Overlay Surplus	59.48
Registrars of Voters —	
Appropriation from Overlay Surplus	60.32
Chapter 90 Construction 1973 —	
Appropriation from Overlay Surplus	2.35

December 23, 1974:

Machinery Expense Account — 1975 Fiscal Year	
Transfer from Machinery Earnings	
(Jan. 1, 1974—June 30, 1974)	6,306.75
Transfer of Balance of 1974 Machinery Expense Acct.	5,389.86
Police Department —	
Appropriation from Free Cash	1,955.90
Police — Franklin County Radio System —	
Appropriation from Free Cash	44.10
 TOTALS	 \$506,319.48 \$113,619.00

JURY LIST

Colson, James R.	Retired
Dater, Edith P.	Housewife
deStreel, Quentin E.	Librarian Director
Doneilo, Phyllis M.	Housewife
Fitzgerald, June E.	Hairdresser
Graham, John K.	Co-Owner, Lake House
Guditis, Frank C.	Carpenter
Jourdan, Sherrill L.	Accountant
Krasnoselsky, John	Time Study
Kuhns, Florence B.	Housewife
LaBelle, Beverly A.	Housewife
Leete, Gurdon W.	Public Relations
Ott, John B.	Research Chemist
Ranney, Gerald A.	Sales
Sprague, Marguerite M.	Real Estate

BOARD OF ASSESSORS' REPORT

As of January 1, 1974, the Board added about \$2,519,000, or about 23.2 percent to the real estate base of Ashfield. The total addition during the eight years between the major revaluation, January 1, 1966 and January 1, 1974, became thus about \$8,718,000, or 187 percent.

During 1974 there were only 47 (78 in 1973) "arms-length" real property transfers, raising the total of such transfers 1963 to 1974 inclusive to 641, or an average of 53 per year. Moreover, sales of tracts of vacant, unimproved land above 45 acres each also declined markedly: 7 in 1972, 5 in 1973 and only 1 in 1974. On the other hand, sales of such land in tracts of less than 6½ acres (building lots) were many more: 9 in 1972, 10 in 1973 and 18 in 1974.

During 1974 the Board completed many more cost analyses of dwellings and outbuildings (including buildings underway or completed that year).

Prices paid per acre in 1974 for vacant, unimproved land in the four tract-size categories were slightly less in each category than in 1973:

Year of Sales	Size of Tracts and Average Price per Acre			
	1 - 6½	6¾ - 12½	15 - 45	61 - 140
	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres
1972	\$ 848	\$ 698	\$425	\$210
1973	1,500*	1,052	607	372
1974	1,472	911	583	300**

* corrected

** Only 1 sale

ASSESSMENT AND TAX DATA

Year**	*Valuation of			Total Real &	
	Real Estate	Personal Property	Total	Tax Rate	Personal Property Taxes Assessed*
1966	4,650	638	5,288	29	153.4
1968	5,559	795	6,354	37	235.1
1970	6,985	871	7,856	37	290.7
1972	8,999	1,162	10,160	30	304.8
1973	10,849	1,243	12,092	30	362.8
1974-75	13,368	1,301	14,670	24	359.5

* Thousands of dollars

** As of January 1

Respectfully submitted,

WARREN M. CHASE
MALCOLM S. CLARK
RALPH L. HOWES

Assessors

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

JANUARY 1, 1974 — JUNE 30, 1974

Cash Balance January 1, 1974		\$ 84,654.04
1970 Real Estate	\$ 55.80	
1970 Personal Property	33.30	
1971 Real Estate	203.21	
1971 Personal Property	36.00	
1972 Real Estate	729.40	
1972 Personal Property	14.70	
1973 Real Estate	9,640.71	
1973 Personal Property	479.40	
1974 Real Estate	138,382.37	
1974 Personal Property	14,786.05	
Motor Vehicle Excise:		
Levy of 1971	151.93	
Levy of 1972	2,424.52	
Levy of 1973	10,406.33	
Farm Animal Excise:		
Levy of 1973	384.05	
Levy of 1974	1,043.88	
Interest on Taxes and Excise	381.52	
Cost		\$ 69.00
Accounts Receivable:		
Veteran's Benefits	1,498.88	
Tuition	31,086.25	
		\$ 32,585.13
Aid to Highways:		
State	42,830.64	
Trust Fund Income:		
Library		
Frederick Cross	132.84	
M. M. Belding	114.86	
Park		
M. M. Belding	114.86	
Whiting Street	64.01	
Cemetery Fund	79.60	
Charity	35.99	
Fred Cross General Fund	28.56	
Interest — Series S	126.00	
Conway Savings Bank Dividend	10.50	

State Withholding Tax	3,991.97	
County Retirement	2,136.95	
School	8,709.99	
Road Machinery Earnings	6,306.75	
Dog License	548.50	
Dog Refund	347.83	
Ambulance	608.50	
Estimated Receipts:		
Occupancy	10.00	
Building	105.00	
Gas	56.00	
Board of Appeals	40.00	
Luncheon	4.00	
Gun Identification	116.00	
Pistol Permit	220.00	
Selectman	2.00	
Culvert	203.63	
Fuel Oil	4.00	
Car Dealer	10.00	
Scraping Driveways	21.90	
Policing Auctions	440.00	
Fines	10.00	
Disposal	14.00	
Installers	25.00	
Refuse	5.00	
Bicentennials	3.00	
Histories	99.00	
Tag Sales	2.00	
Business	5.00	
Campsite	5.00	
Insurance Reports	40.00	
		\$ 1,440.53
Transfer from Revenue Sharing	1,998.00	
Transfer from William Hathaway	20.00	
Savings — Conway Bank	141.44	
School Aid — Chapter 70	15,664.10	
Machinery Basis	311.49	
Internal Revenue Service	173.22	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts:		
Civil Defense	112.50	
Nurse Reimbursement	453.50	
Library Ext.	405.24	
Inspection of animals	62.50	
Revenue Sharing	13,082.00	

Disbursements 1974:

Selectmen's Warrants	155,822.07	
School	112,334.36	
School lunch warrants	7,083.41	
	<u> </u>	\$275,239.83

Cash Balance June 30, 1974

Country Bank checking account	\$105,155.78
Conway Savings Bank #8411	\$ 3,036.65

JANE E. WARD,
Treasurer
Town of Ashfield

JUNE 30, 1974 — DECEMBER 31, 1974

Cash Balance June 30, 1974		\$105,155.78
1971 Real Estate		240.00
1971 Personal Property		10.44
1972 Real Estate		805.60
1972 Personal Property		10.18
1973 Real Estate		2,146.36
1973 Personal Property		144.00
1974 Real Estate		19,665.13
1974 Personal Property		693.73
1974-1975 Real Estate		135,559.17
1974-1975 Personal Property		14,435.28
Motor Vehicle Excise		
Levy of 1969		.50
Levy of 1970		69.30
Levy of 1971		28.24
Levy of 1972		282.01
Levy of 1973		1,204.48
Levy of 1974		13,330.64
Farm Animal Excise		
Levy of 1973		79.30
Levy of 1974		1,321.14
Interest on Taxes and Excise		448.39
Cost		131.00
Accounts Receivable		
Veteran's Benefits	292.47	
Tuition	9,038.08	
	<u> </u>	9,330.55
County Aid — Chapter 90		22,000.00
Aid to Highways		
State		33,757.82

Trust Fund Income	
Library	
Frederick Cross	135.06
Park	
Whiting Street	65.06
Cemetery Fund	87.70
Interest — Series H	274.27
Conway Savings Bank Dividend	7.50
State Withholding Tax	3,748.84
County Retirement	2,297.19
School — Hot Lunch	6,675.57
Road Machinery Earnings	10,118.00
Dog License	212.30
Ambulance	1,030.00
Estimated Receipts	
Dance	4.00
Auction	5.00
Amusement	50.20
Occupancy	2.00
Building	150.00
Gas	38.00
Board of Appeals	40.00
Gun Identification	40.00
Pistol Permits	110.00
Selectman	4.00
Culvert	135.00
Scraping Driveways	25.50
Policing Auctions	460.00
Fines	80.00
Disposal	34.00
Installers	45.00
Bicentennials	4.00
Histories	1,692.00
Tag Sales	4.00
Business	10.00
Insurance Reports	79.00
Street List	1.50
Town Hall Rent	240.00
Share of Stock Sale	40.50
Festival License	2.00
Music Revolving Fund	110.00
Purchase credit	15.36
Paid Ad	3.80
Goshen	694.75
Plainfield	401.60
Sale of logs	33.71

Sale of car parts	90.00
Sale of Loader	45.00
Liquor License	500.00
Flu Clinic	55.75
Raffle	10.00
Transfer from Florence Savings	3,000.00
Transfer from Conway Savings	49,000.00
Savings — Conway Bank	194.14
School Aid — Chapter 70	36,525.82
Commonwealth of Massachusetts	
Gas Tax	27,927.15
Civil Defense	78.85
Nurse Reimbursement	184.00
Local Aid C58-S18C	6,335.16
Education Grant	2,948.00
M58 - S17 GL	1,047.90
Revenue Sharing	10,260.00
Interest	1,739.81
Disbursements	
Selectmen's Warrants	318,347.76
School Warrants	93,996.83
School Lunch Warrants	6,127.21
Title II	405.24
Music	75.00
Cash Balance December 31, 1974	
Country Bank Checking Account	98,850.99
Conway Savings Bank #8411	3,230.79
Conway Savings Bank #11167	
Highway — Sec. 20, Chap. 1140	31,272.39
Conway Savings Bank #11189	
Highway — Sec. 22, Chap. 1140 Act. 1973	51,773.70

JANE E. WARD, *Treasurer*

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

JANUARY 1, 1974 — JUNE 30, 1974

REAL ESTATE

1967			
	Outstanding December 31, 1973	\$	78.20
	Outstanding June 30, 1974		78.20
1970			
	Outstanding December 31, 1973		55.80
	Payments to treasurer	\$	55.80
	Outstanding June 30, 1974		.00
			<u>55.80</u>
1971			
	Outstanding December 30, 1973		407.28
	Payments to Treasurer		132.16
	Outstanding June 30, 1974		275.12
			<u>407.28</u>
1972			
	Outstanding December 31, 1973		2,843.08
	Payments to Treasurer		729.40
	Outstanding June 30, 1974		2,113.68
			<u>2,843.08</u>
1973			
	Outstanding December 31, 1973		16,428.44
	Payments to Treasurer		9,640.71
	Outstanding June 30, 1974		6,787.73
			<u>16,428.44</u>
1974			
	Commitment		167,096.76
	Refunds		730.87
	To be refunded		18.75
	Payments to Treasurer		138,382.37
	Abatements		1,427.87
	Outstanding June 30, 1974		28,036.14
			<u>167,846.38</u>

PERSONAL PROPERTY

1968			
	Outstanding December 31, 1973		47.91
	Outstanding June 30, 1974		47.91
			<u>47.91</u>

1969		
Outstanding December 31, 1973		50.70
Outstanding June 30, 1974	50.70	
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1970		
Outstanding December 31, 1973		216.04
Payments to Treasurer	33.30	
Outstanding June 30, 1974	182.74	
	<hr/>	216.04
1971		
Outstanding December 31, 1973		306.00
Payments to Treasurer	36.00	
Outstanding June 30, 1974	270.00	
	<hr/>	306.00
1972		
Outstanding December 31, 1973		1,123.34
Payments to Treasurer	14.70	
Outstanding June 30, 1974	1,108.64	
	<hr/>	1,123.34
1973		
Outstanding December 31, 1973		1,992.00
Payments to Treasurer	479.40	
Outstanding June 30, 1974	1,512.60	
	<hr/>	1,992.00
1974		
Commitment		16,266.63
Payments to Treasurer	14,786.05	
Outstanding June 30, 1974	1,480.58	
	<hr/>	16,266.63

FARM ANIMAL

1973		
Outstanding December 31, 1973		463.35
Payments to Treasurer	384.05	
Outstanding June 30, 1974	79.30	
	<hr/>	463.35
1974		
Commitment		1,705.95
Payments to Treasurer	1,043.88	
Outstanding June 30, 1974	662.07	
	<hr/>	1,705.95

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE

1968

Outstanding December 31, 1973		176.78
Abated — uncollectable	67.88	
Outstanding June 30, 1974	108.90	
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		176.78

1969

Outstanding December 31, 1973		37.90
Abated — uncollectable	23.10	
Outstanding June 30, 1974	14.80	
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		37.90

1970

Outstanding December 31, 1973		658.06
Outstanding June 30, 1974	658.06	
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		658.06

1971

Outstanding December 31, 1973		1,386.45
Payments to Treasurer	151.93	
Outstanding June 30, 1974	1,234.52	
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		1,386.45

1972

Commitment		1,371.71
Outstanding December 31, 1973		6,172.17
Minus to be refunded 1973		—20.62
Refunds		20.62
To be refunded		52.80
Payments to Treasurer	2,424.52	
Abatements	903.94	
Outstanding June 30, 1974	4,268.22	
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		7,596.68

1973

Commitment		8,049.58
Outstanding December 31, 1973		11,814.18
Minus to be refunded 1973		—119.42
Refunds		193.94
To be refunded		106.90
Payments to Treasurer	10,406.83	
Abatements	1,532.35	
Outstanding June 30, 1974	8,106.50	
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		20,045.18

1974

Commimtent		12,416.28
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Abatements	16.50	
Outstanding June 30, 1974	12,399.78	
	<hr/>	12,416.28

JANE E. WARD,
Tax Collector

JUNE 30, 1974 — DECEMBER 31, 1974

REAL ESTATE

1967		
Outstanding June 30, 1974		\$ 78.20
Outstanding December 31, 1974		78.20
1971		
Outstanding June 30, 1974		275.12
Payments to Treasurer	275.12	
Outstanding December 31, 1974	— 0 —	— 0 —
1972		
Outstanding June 30, 1974		2,113.68
Payments to Treasurer	820.18	
Outstanding December 31, 1974	1,293.50	
	<hr/>	2,113.68
1973		
Outstanding June 30, 1974		6,787.73
Payments to Treasurer	2,171.36	
Outstanding December 31, 1974	4,616.37	
	<hr/>	6,787.73
1974 January 1, 1974 to June 30, 1974		
Outstanding June 30, 1974		28,036.14
To be refunded		395.69
Payment to Treasurer	20,802.80	
Abatements	1,175.06	
Outstanding December 1974	6,453.97	
	<hr/>	28,431.83
1975 July 1, 1974 to June 30, 1975		
Commitment		320,851.20
To be refunded		505.40
Payments to Treasurer	141,173.73	
Abatements	5,658.92	
Outstanding December 1974	174,523.95	
	<hr/>	321,356.60

PERSONAL PROPERTY

1968	
Outstanding June 30, 1974	47.91
Outstanding December 31, 1974	47.91

1969		
	Outstanding June 30, 1974	50.70
	Outstanding December 1974	50.70
1970		
	Outstanding June 30, 1974	182.74
	Outstanding December 31, 1974	182.74
1971		
	Outstanding June 30, 1974	270.00
	Payments to Treasurer	10.44
	Outstanding December, 1974	259.56
1972		
	Outstanding June 30, 1974	1,108.64
	Payment to Treasurer	32.10
	Outstanding December 31, 1974	1,076.54
1973		
	Outstanding June 30, 1974	1,512.60
	Payment to Treasurer	144.00
	Outstanding December 31, 1974	1,386.60
1974 1-1-74 to 6-30-74		
	Outstanding June 30, 1974	1,480.58
	Payments to Treasurer	717.11
	Abatement	1.25
	Outstanding December 31, 1974	762.22
1975 7-1-74 to 6-30-75		
	Commitment	31,229.52
	Payment to Treasurer	14,755.80
	Outstanding December, 1974	16,473.72

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE

1968		
	Outstanding June 30, 1974	108.90
	Outstanding December 31, 1974	108.90
1969		
	Outstanding June 30, 1974	14.80
	Payment to Treasurer	.50
	Outstanding December 31, 1974	14.30
1970		
	Outstanding June 30, 1974	658.06
	Payment to Treasurer	69.30
	Outstanding December 31, 1974	588.76
1971		
	Outstanding June 30, 1974	1,234.52

Payment to Treasurer	28.24	
Outstanding December 31, 1974	1,206.28	
		<u>1,234.52</u>
1972		
Outstanding June 30, 1974		4,268.22
Payments to Treasurer	282.01	
Abatement	154.55	
Outstanding December 31, 1974	3,831.66	
		<u>4,268.22</u>
1973		
Commitment		6,409.78
Outstanding June 30, 1974		8,106.50
Minus to be refunded		—106.90
Refunded		148.91
To be refunded		108.90
Payment to Treasurer	1,790.39	
Abatements	536.54	
Outstanding December 31, 1974	12,340.26	
		<u>14,667.19</u>
	14,667.19	14,667.19
1974		
Commitment		32,268.29
Outstanding June 30, 1974		12,399.78
Refunds		167.19
To be refunded		33.81
Payments to Treasurer	18,850.48	
Abatement	2,180.27	
Outstanding December 31, 1974	23,838.32	
		<u>44,869.07</u>
	44,869.07	44,869.07
FARM ANIMAL		
1973		
Outstanding June 30, 1974		79.30
Payments to Treasurer	79.30	
Outstanding December 31, 1974	— 0 —	— 0 —
1974		
Outstanding June 30, 1974		662.07
Commitment		1,705.95
Payment to Treasurer	1,479.14	
Outstanding December 31, 1974	888.88	
		<u>2,368.02</u>
	2,368.02	2,368.02

JANE E. WARD
Tax Collector

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

FEBRUARY

<i>1974</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Parents</i>
15—	Heather Rebecca Loomis	Russell V. & Christine (Bruffee) Loomis, Jr.

APRIL

15—	Jason Whiting Roberts	Thomas A. & Mary (Hammons) Roberts
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MAY

27—	Jonathan Graves Cranston	Thomas G. & Cynthia (Graves) Cranston
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JUNE

8—	Aliya Lipp	Michael F. & Nancy (Lambert) Lipp
18—	Todd Donald Senecal	Donald F. & Marjorie (Rice) Senecal
25—	Sarah Marian Warren	Nicholas D. & Sandra (Warren) Warren

JULY

27—	Dereck Max Kalish	Robert P. & Christine (Staples) Kalish
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AUGUST

5—	Nancy Archer Rosenbaum	David W. & Janice (Archer) Rosenbaum
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OCTOBER

29—	Miranda Joan LaPierre	Richard F. & Joan (Burniske) LaPierre
29—	Eli Nordahl Arvidson	Douglas N. & Louisa (Weidemann) Arvidson

MARRIAGES

1974

FEBRUARY

2—Ernest Charles Beckwith
Plainfield, Mass.

Ruth Anne Chadwick
Ashfield, Mass.

9—Dana M. Clark
Ashfield, Mass.

Colleen M. Smith
Plainfield, Mass.

MARCH

9—Mark Wentworth Roskill
Amherst, Mass.

Nancy Lee (Muench) Grillo
Amherst, Mass.

MAY

4—George Domenic Mislak, Jr.
Ashfield, Mass.

Ann Marie Meyers
Shelburne Falls, Mass.

19—Eric Carl von Ammon
Ashfield, Mass.

Martha Joy Sandlin
Ashfield, Mass.

JUNE

29—Warren W. Gray
Ashfield, Mass.

Julie L. Nartowicz
Colrain, Mass.

29—E. Philip Whitehouse
Ashfield, Mass.

Cynthia J. Romer
Plainfield, Mass.

30—Andrew O. Law
Heath, Mass.

Mary E. Craft
Ashfield, Mass.

JULY

7—Mark E. Pichette
Ashfield, Mass.

Lori G. Ward
Ashfield, Mass.

AUGUST

24—Henry Warger
Ashfield, Mass.

Ethelwyn (Wilder) Hathaway
Ashfield, Mass.

NOVEMBER

9—Kenneth D. Walker
Buckland, Mass.

Valerie L. Supernaw
Ashfield, Mass.

17—Brian M. Miller
Ashfield, Mass.

Sherry Rubinstein
Ashfield, Mass.

DEATHS

<i>1974</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Yrs.</i>	<i>Mos.</i>	<i>Days</i>
JANUARY				
1—	Axel W. Arvidson	88	0	19
6—	Harvey Nathan Gardner, Sr.	74	0	8
FEBRUARY				
3—	Bessie Harlow	54	2	6
18—	Cecil P. Eddy	73	8	4
MARCH				
5—	Agnes Leonora Howes	78	7	19
17—	Mary (Truesdell) Cook	98	3	14
19—	Nellie (Wagner) McCaslin	86	8	16
30—	Phoebe (Wheeler) Eisman	82	5	26
APRIL				
2—	Beatrice (Kennedy) Joyce	75	6	5
JULY				
7—	Leonard G. Arno	70	11	7
10—	Allan Ansel Kendrick	82	7	9
11—	Catherine (Carey) Meehan	77	8	10
13—	Fanny (Fisher) Ford	89	0	5
23—	Laura (Foster) Campbell	77	7	0
OCTOBER				
13—	Ruth E. (Kalish) Stedfast	73	6	26
19—	Joan C. (Caputo) Samson	62	1	5
21—	Emile Lamoureux	77	0	6
23—	Harold K. Howes	87	2	27
NOVEMBER				
26—	Bruno Nieroda	60	4	5
27—	Gilbert Nelson Graves	60	11	5
DECEMBER				
14—	Elmire M. Reinhardt	83	6	15

BALLOTING

	<i>Registered Voters</i>	<i>Votes Cast</i>
Annual Town Meeting	784	306
State Primary, September 10, 1974	761	175
State Election, November 5, 1974	774	507

DOG LICENSES ISSUED

January 1, 1974 — December 31, 1974

126	Male	@ \$3.00	\$ 378.00	
23	Female	6.00	138.00	
73	Spayed Female	3.00	219.00	
11	Kennel	10.00	110.00	
				\$ 845.00
Paid Town Treasurer			\$ 763.45	
Fees Retained			81.55	
				\$ 845.00

FISH AND GAME LICENSES ISSUED

January 1, 1974 — December 31, 1974

14	Resident Citizen Sporting (Over 70)			FREE
3	Resident Citizen Fishing, Paraplegic			FREE
2	Resident Citizen Fishing, Paraplegic			FREE
65	Resident Citizen Fishing	@ 8.25	\$ 536.25	
61	Resident Citizen Hunting	8.25	503.25	
60	Resident Citizen Sporting	13.50	810.00	
9	Resident Citizen Minor Fishing	6.25	56.25	
13	Non-resident Citizen Fishing	14.25	185.25	
4	Non-resident Citizen 7-day Fishing	8.25	33.00	
1	Resident Citizen Minor Trapping	6.25	6.25	
4	Resident Citizen Trapping	11.50	46.00	
3	Duplicates	1.00	3.00	
1	Non-resident Citizen Hunting (Big Game)	35.25	35.25	
5	Archery Stamps	5.10	25.50	
18	Waterfowl Stamps	1.25	22.50	
				\$ 2,262.50
Paid Division of Fisheries & Game			\$ 2,203.00	
Fees Retained			59.50	
				\$ 2,262.50

Respectfully submitted,

ELEANOR M. WARD
Town Clerk

FINANCIAL REPORT OF BELDING MEMORIAL LIBRARY

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1974	\$ 1,939.88	
M. H. Belding Trust Fund	3,350.83	
Fred Cross fund	266.64	
M. M. Belding, Jr. fund	115.20	
Gifts	379.62	
Sale of books and magazines	556.00	
Town of Ashfield	1,747.70	
Damaged or lost books	49.64	
		\$ 8,405.51

EXPENDITURES

Salaries and services	3,346.00	
Books, magazines and office supplies	2,451.19	
Insurance	213.00	
Repairs and improvements	155.39	
Janitor's supplies	66.29	
Telephone and lights	479.21	
Fuel	862.97	
Water	9.00	
Safe deposit box rent	5.00	
Desk fund	50.50	
Mileage for librarian	72.08	
Treasurers bond	13.00	
Trustees	11.75	
Service charge for checks	2.60	
		\$ 7,737.98
		\$ 667.53

LIBRARY SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

Conway Savings Bank	\$ 2,262.78
Franklin County Trust	538.67
Franklin Savings Institution	526.79
Greenfield Savings Bank	3,642.01
Northampton Institution for Savings	1,455.04
Shelburne Falls Savings Bank	1,013.46

Respectfully submitted,

HOPE PACKARD,
Treasurer

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

I am happy to present my first report as librarian of the Belding Memorial Library.

It has been interesting and exciting to watch the library's growth. During 1974, 172 new patrons were registered as borrowers, 136 inter-library loan requests were filled, and the circulation of library materials totaled 11,161. This is an increase of 71% over the previous year. More students used the library for research and more patrons came in to relax and read new magazines.

Our rapid growth has been due in part to many donations from interested residents. Memorial gifts have been presented in memory of Herman Anderson, Carole Burton Gardner, Donald Lilly, Sr., Millard Markle, and Ruth Steadfast. Mr. Fabio Coen, an Ashfield resident, has contributed many newly published books to the library collection. Children's records and puzzles have also been added. "The Masquers," formerly a drama club in Ashfield, presented a cash donation to be used at the librarian's discretion. I hope to put this toward a lighted display case. More books will be added to the Millard Markle Memorial through another contribution. The new sign in front of the library announcing the library hours was made possible by an anonymous \$50 gift to the librarian. Four new magazine subscriptions were donated and we now have an entire section of adult paperbacks given through the generosity of patrons. It is very gratifying and makes the librarian's work more pleasant having Ashfield residents take pride and interest in their library. I am grateful to all the patrons for their many kind gifts and suggestions.

The Belding Library is a member of the Western Regional Library System. This system has improved library service to patrons in many areas. The director, Mr. Bruce Baker, has visited the library numerous times to provide counseling and to observe our growth. Our library was featured in the 1974 Western Regional Library System Newsletter. The letter described our growth and praised the trustees and librarian for the way we broadened the activities and scope of the library.

Another service provided by the Regional System is the Bookmobile which visits approximately once every six weeks. They left 5,620 books at Belding Library and 1,573 at Sanderson Academy in 1974. They have assisted in our rebuilding program in the children's area by allowing us to borrow 500 books on a long term basis. Fiction, non-fiction and preschool level books now make our collection enviable. As we replace and make new purchases we can gradually return these books to the Bookmobile. Their staff has assisted with requests, refer-

ence questions, and cataloging problems. Borrowers from Ashfield organizations may have access to the Region's film collection. Catalogs are available at the library. Bookmobile also provides large print books for readers with visual difficulties. The service provided by the Bookmobile staff is prompt and thorough. It would be difficult to serve our patrons well without the assistance of this fine team.

Talking books may be obtained for the blind and handicapped patrons through the library from either the Perkins Institute for the Blind or the Springfield City Library. The Springfield catalog for talking books has adult's and children's records and may be seen at the library. We have a cassette player and some tapes to loan for handicapped patrons. We hope to provide more services for shut-ins, the elderly and the handicapped.

An efficient interlibrary loan network has been initiated. A patron requesting a book or record which is unavailable at the Belding Library may use this service. The request is sent to Greenfield and then on to successive libraries throughout Massachusetts until the material requested is located. Then it is mailed to us at no expense. This service has been used extensively.

Free access borrowers' cards are now available to patrons in good standing at the Belding Library. This card enables reputable, established borrowers to use other area libraries at no expense, and in time will be accepted anywhere in Massachusetts. Seventeen free access borrowers' cards have been issued to Ashfield borrowers since June.

During the year we hosted three Regional workshops. The first two sessions were to instruct librarians and trustees in the development of film programs and the operation of audio-visual equipment. The third workshop was on building paperback collections. Through a federal grant, any participating library with a population under 25,000 was eligible to receive 150 new teen-age and children's paperbacks. The circulation of this collection demonstrated its outstanding quality and value. The three workshops were most beneficial and helped in providing better library service.

The trustees voted to change the library hours, effective July 1. The new hours are Monday and Wednesday 2-5 and 7-9, and Saturday 10-3. The new hours seem to have increased the library's patronage. It will be closed on all national holidays.

The trustees have been active in attending library meetings. Miss Hope Packard is the Corresponding Secretary of the Western Regional Advisory Council and is the voting member representing the Belding Library. Mrs. Grace Howes and I also attend these meetings. Mrs. Lynn Lesure attended the New England Library Trustees Association

meeting at Portsmouth, N.H. in the fall. I accepted an invitation to become a member of the Planning Committee for the Western Regional Advisory Council. These meetings are helpful in keeping the trustees and librarian informed of current library developments.

Two new additions to the library were a 30 drawer card catalog which makes an excellent display area, and a new set of World Book Encyclopedias. These are used extensively for student research.

In the spring and again in the fall the classes from Mrs. Norma Harris's nursery school and the lower grades from Sanderson Academy visited the library. The classes were scheduled and accompanied by their teachers. A total of 259 children had an opportunity to visit. For many, it was their first time in the library. The children had an opportunity to look at books and then view films. The films and equipment were borrowed from the Regional System. It was an enjoyable experience to have the children visit and I hope this practice will continue.

On five successive Monday afternoons in August, story hours were held. The attendance averaged 14 children, who came to hear stories read aloud and to view films. This must be done when the library is not open to the public. It might be helpful to investigate the possibility of expanding an area in the basement for film viewing and story hours.

Miss Bernice Chandler was employed through the Neighborhood Youth Corp Program to assist with the library work. It would have been impossible to plan extra programs without her assistance, or to keep up with the growing circulation. She was a definite asset to the library and an efficient person to work with. Miss Chandler was an excellent representative of the Neighborhood Youth Corp Program.

In past years, a list of new acquisitions has been listed in the town report. Because of the increase in printing costs, and the increase in newly acquired library materials, a mimeographed copy of acquisitions has been inserted in the back of the town report. I extend my thanks to the Ashfield Girl Scouts and Rev. Peter Hayn for their assistance with this project. During the regular year, library bulletins of current acquisitions have been posted on the Post Office bulletin board. For Patrons who are interested in the church reading program, a list of books, owned by the library, is available to anyone.

We are most fortunate to have Mr. Linwood Williams as custodian of the library. He is a master of many trades and I appreciate his interest in making the library a pleasant place to visit. My thanks also to Mrs. Janet Tarr for attending area workshops and meetings and for her substituting at the library.

By updating the library, arranging new hours, encouraging children and adults to make use of the facilities, and enlarging and improving the quality and quantity of our collection, the library has reached more individuals and become an important part of the community service. It has been possible to accomplish this with the assistance from the towns 1974 appropriation. To continue good library service and to introduce new programs, we shall need continued assistance and support. There is still much room for improvement and growth.

I wish to express my appreciation to the trustees of the Belding Library for their many extra hours and sessions while formulating the library policy and book selection policy. I sincerely thank you for your service, interest, encouragement, trust and confidence during my first year as librarian.

Respectfully submitted,

ANN N. LILLY,

Librarian

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

The Nursing Agency, Known as the Ashfield, Conway, Sunderland, Whately Nursing Agency, continues to serve the above towns with home care, public services, and school nursing.

Home nursing services are provided on an interim basis with a physician's order so that the patient can remain at home if possible or be discharged earlier from an institution and still be kept in contact with the physician through public health nurse care and observation. A total of 73 home nursing visits were made in Ashfield this past year. All fees collected, either from the patient's insurances or the individual, are turned over to the Town Treasurer in which that patient resides.

A flu vaccine clinic was held in Ashfield this past fall for the residents of Ashfield and Conway. A total of 82 doses were given.

I wish to thank all that have taken the time to participate and assist with the agency's activities especially the Nursing Committee representatives of your town: Mrs. Helen Ranney, Mrs. Barbara Wickland, and Mrs. Jean Keyes.

LORRAINE STRIPPE

Public Health Nurse

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Ashfield Police Department's biggest change in 1974 was the establishment of a full time chief of police which became a reality July 1. The increase in police work made it virtually impossible to keep up with everything between the two positions of custodian and police chief. I wish to take this opportunity to thank the townspeople for their support when this change was made, it is deeply appreciated.

The men in the department have given me their utmost assistance and have been available at a moments notice when needed. Joe Cetto has done a fine job operating the radio and answering the phone, always ready and willing to fill in. We were very fortunate to acquire John LaBelle as constable and police officer this year. His interest and efforts have been a great asset to the department and police association. He, along with his wife, are taking the EMT course which will make all three constables knowledgeable in this area. Warren Kirkpatrick is now a deputy sheriff and employed at the Franklin County House of Correction. His staggered hours enables him to be available more often for police duties. Steve Greenman has been on probation with the department and is right there with the rest of the men, learning by doing.

This spring some of my hours will be taken up with courses at GCC in order to keep on top of police work which is ever changing. The department as always will be covered twenty four hours a day whether I am in town or not. If anyone needs help be sure to call 628-4445 the police number, which is always covered, not my personal phone.

The police load has increased in many respects. In 1974 as a sign of the times, due to the gas shortage, we had a rash of reports of gas being taken from resident's gas pumps and gas tanks from cars. With the easing of the gas situation, we have not had as many problems along this line. I expect, more, however, if the gas prices increase as projected.

According to the new Rape Law 581 that went in to effect July 1, each police department in Mass. is required to have at least one police woman educated in the law and to know the rules and regulations as to the investigation of such cases. Both our police women have attended short seminars in relation to these regulations and will attend the course as soon as it is available. They both have uniforms now which were paid for by the police association with some of the money earned from the dinner held last fall.

Last year \$2,250 was appropriated for police expenses, this included payment of men, uniforms, office expense and cruiser maintenance. Because of the increased work load during the year and the increased of cruiser maintenance, \$2,000 more had to be appropriated by the end of the year in order to have enough. This year I am requesting an appropriation of \$5,000 to be used for the above. The cruiser is getting older and needs more attention than it did when new. With problems that have arisen just since the first of the year, I foresee more man hours by the other men in the department.

I wish to thank the selectmen for their confidence in me and the department, also the men in the department for their help and to their wives who have been patient through many trials.

A police department can not work by itself effectively, it needs the cooperation of residents in the town, especially when problems arise. I wish to thank residents who in the past year have helped with information and cooperation when the department has needed it. I hope these relations can continue.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER D. ZALENSKI

Chief of Police

POLICE STATISTICS

	<i>1974</i>	<i>1973</i>
Miles covered by police	22,507	15,353
Miscellaneous calls information and complaints	2,358	1,973
Investigations	367	155
Assault	4	2
Murder	1	0
Drunkenness	7	5
Vandalism	3	12
Breaking and Entering	16	16
Thefts	17	0
Drugs	4	1
Dog complaints	78	14
Accidents	54	36
Arrests	4	16
Court Appearances	34-81 hrs.	45-141 hrs.
Citations and tickets	102	123
Trips to Hospital	7	6
Deaths Investigated	2	0
Special Duties	55	35
Emergency Medical	4	4
I.D. Cards	45	39

Pistol Permits	23	10
Warrants	4	2
Summons	20	10
Patrols and Checks	497	242

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Ashfield Fire Department is pleased to report that it is now "co-ed" — one woman joined the department in 1974 and others are planning to join in 1975.

Emphasis in 1974 has been on training. An 18-hour course is mandatory for new members in basic firemanship and this course is given twice a year. Various fire-related subjects are covered in a monthly training session. Six members of the Fire Department went to Meadow Wood in Fitzwilliams and Keene, New Hampshire and took the following courses: 2 members took the Fireground Command course, 1 member took the Pump course and 3 members took the Auto-Extrication course. As the present time, 2 members are taking the Emergency Medical Technician course.

Completion of the purchase of small tools for the tool kit was accomplished this year with the acquisition of the following: Small cutting tools; chain saws; 3 portable radios; resuscitator; 3 hand lights (replacement) and 1 gas can (replacement).

The Firemen's Association sponsors both the Pee Wee League and the Little League.

The primary concern of the Fire Department has been the need to update the outmoded trucks. Due to the advanced age and condition of both Engine No. 1 and Engine No. 2, (both of which are approximately 20 years old) the need for a replacement of at least one truck should be fully apparent. Therefore, a committee was appointed by the selectmen and has worked for the past year and a half to draw up a set of specifications for a truck suitable for the Town of Ashfield. There will be an article in the Annual Town Meeting Warrant asking the townspeople to vote to appropriate a sum of money for a new truck. As Chief of the Ashfield Fire Department, I strongly recommend a favorable vote on this article.

Permits issued in 1974:

Burning permits	135
Blasting permits	5
Oil burner permits	9

Oil storage permits	2
Gasoline storage permits	1
Rocket permits	3
Corrections on oil burner installations	4

TYPES OF OCCUPANCIES IN WHICH FIRES OCCURRED

	1972	1973	1974
Residential	12	9	8
Storage	2	1	0

MAIN CAUSE OF FIRES IN BUILDINGS

	1972	1973	1974
Electrical	2	3	4
Heating	9	3	2
Flammable liquids	1	0	1
Lightning	0	1	1
Children & matches	1	1	0
Miscellaneous	0	2	0

MOTOR VEHICLE FIRES & ACCIDENTS

	1972	1973	1974
	0	2	5

*GRASS — BRUSH — DUMP — MUTUAL AID —
MISCELLANEOUS FIRES*

	1972	1973	1974
	11	18	14

NUMBER OF RUNS MADE PER MONTH:

January	1	July	3
February	1	August	3
March	1	September	3
April	3	October	4
May	1	November	3
June	3	December	1

VALUE OF PROPERTY INVOLVED AND LOSSES

	1972	1973	1974
Value of Property	\$300,710	\$593,120	\$170,880
Losses	4,994	30,222	42,079
Insurance Paid	2,871	24,897	41,758

Respectfully submitted

ROBERT VAN IDERSTINE,
Fire Chief

REPORT OF THE AMBULANCE COMMITTEE

An analysis of the Ashfield Ambulance Log indicates that there was a drastic increase in requests for ambulance service in 1974. A response was made to sixty calls compared to the forty logged in the previous year. This 50% increase was largely due to the high incidence of accidents both in the home and on the highway.

In the effort to preserve the continuity of our service, every attempt is being made to comply with the new training standards now being required of all personnel due to the changing ambulance laws.

During the past two years, six of our volunteers — Wallace Schneider, Chief Walter Zalenski, Warren Kirkpatrick, Nat Smith, Nicholas Phelps, and Doug Mollison completed courses in 81 hours of Emergency Medical Technician Training. The last four have passed the National Registry's examination and now qualify as Certified Emergency Medical Technicians. John and Beverly LaBelle, Beverly Duncan, Charlie Buck, Del Haskins and Carmen DeLuca are currently enrolled in an EMTA course being held at the Mohawk Trail Regional School.

Locally, several Ambulance meetings took place during the year with the Police and Fire Department personnel participating in programs of mutual interest working towards providing better quality emergency care for all the people of Ashfield.

Our vehicle continues to give us excellent service requiring only a minimum of routine repairs this year.

Several pieces of equipment were added as memory gifts. A stair-chair was acquired through gift money given by Lillian and Bill Eddy in memory of Cecil Eddy, a choke-saver donated by the Whitney family in memory of Gilbert Graves, and some surgical supplies purchased in memory of Ruth Stedfast.

In response to an increasing number of requests for lending equipment, a pair of crutches, a walking-cane, a head-halter traction set, a second bed-pan and urinal and an oxygen tank (complete with head and stand) were added to our supply by several donors. Two new walkers were made available through the use of a portion of gift money given in memory of Gilbert Graves by Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Graves, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Graves, Mr. & Mrs. Frederick Graves and Mr. and Mrs. Clement Record.

Financially, our year's receipts totalled over \$1700 consisting of \$144 in earnings, \$411.50 in gifts and \$1157 in memorials.

The Department gratefully acknowledges the financial contributions resulting from the memorials established for the following — Harvey Gardner, Jessie Howes, Beverly Equi, Tony Dater, Cecil Eddy, Agnes Howes, Allan Kendrick, Ruth Stedfast, Joan Sampson, Harold Howes, Gilbert Graves and Joseph Dufresne. We are equally grateful for the many miscellaneous gifts of money and the frequent letters of appreciation.

In summation, I would like to thank the veteran volunteers, the EMT's, the new members and all the residents of Ashfield through whose combined efforts the continuation of our service will be made possible.

Respectfully submitted,

ALICE WHITNEY
Chariman

REPORT OF CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR

We again have taken part in nearly all the Sector 4D Civil Defense activities. Due late last year to the sudden and untimely death of our Sector 4D director, Jack Harding of Northampton, Massachusetts, there have had to be some changes made. The 4D Headquarters have been moved from the Frank L. Boyden Building, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Mass. to Belchertown and until a new director is elected, other State Officials have taken over some of the Director's duties.

On May 29, Howard Barnes and I attended a meeting held at the Springfield Hospital which was a briefing on Emergency Operations Centers.

I have distributed during the summer several pieces of literature, etc. to the following towns: Hawley, Charlemont, Shelburne, Buckland and Ashfield for the use of the Civil Defense Director, Chief of Police and Chief of the Fire Department. This was to assist the temporary Sector 4D Director since he was not familiar with this area.

I will again explain to those who are not familiar just what our Civil Defense set-up is. The headquarters are located at the Belding Memorial Library Basement which is also a Fallout Shelter. It is equipped with a stand-by emergency generator and a Civil Defense Communication Radio. The Fallout Shelter is equipped with emergency supplies, including food and equipment as well as medications.

We have taken part in the State Warning Exercise. This is called

"Checkerboard", its purpose being to see how quickly a warning message can be relayed to each community in the State.

Again, I want to impress on each and every one the importance of fallout shelters. In case of a nuclear attack, it could make the difference between survival or not. We all know that an attack is possible. It is much better to have some protection and not use it than to have an urgent need for it and not have it.

Civil Defense 1975 should be a very good year for us since we have just negotiated for a G.M.C. — 2½ ton truck to be used by the town. This is on a five year, free of charge basis.

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND H. RENIFF
Civil Defense Director

REPORT OF THE ASHFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Ashfield Conservation Commission held ten meetings during 1974, one of which was a joint meeting with the Ashfield Planning Board. All meetings were open to the public and usually there were one or two visitors.

A sign has been erected on Hawley Road at the entrance to the Brewer-Tatro Memorial Park and a plan for development of the Park prepared by Robert Frazen of the Soil Conservation Service has been adopted and a start made in putting it into effect.

At the suggestion of the Commission the Town voted to make Smith Road a Scenic Road under the provisions of the General Laws of Mass., copies of the relevant provisions having been distributed to all those attending the Town Meeting. The Commission has adopted the following criteria for a Scenic Road:

1. That it possess considerable scenic beauty;
2. That it have some stretches with views of the surrounding country;
3. That it be suitable for horseback riding;
4. That its preservation in comparatively unchanged condition may tend to protect undeveloped land from development.

Much of the joint meeting with the Planning Board was devoted to a discussion of Scenic Roads.

We were represented at the Annual Meeting of the Mass. Association of Conservation Commissions and at a meeting in Charlemont on soil survey maps sponsored by the Franklin County Conservation District.

At our instigation a planting of evergreen trees was made which will some day serve as a screen at the Town Dump. The work was done by the Boy Scouts under the supervision of Ramon Sears and Art Williams and Frank Dufresne.

An outline of procedure for anyone planning any changes which affect streams or swamps has been prepared and is available on request. We have given permission for the building of two ponds under the provisions of the "Hatch Act" (Chapter 131, Section 4D of the General Laws). We invite questions on this matter from anyone at any time and call attention to the fact that the law requires permission from the Conservation Commission for any changes affecting water.

ARTHUR L. WILLIAMS, JR.,
Chairman
PHILIP HUMASON STEINMETZ,
Secretary-Treasurer
LINWOOD B. LESURE
ESTHER D. STEINMETZ
MICHAEL FITZGERALD
RUSSELL FESSENDEN
Associate Members

REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN

To the Citizens of Ashfield:

The importance of proper tree care and maintenance is being realized more each year with the increasing number of shade and street trees which are being removed for various reasons. Many trees have been victims of certain diseases which have attacked a wide range of species. In recent years the maple tree has been the principal target for many infectious diseases such as anthracnose, wilts, rots, and wood decay. Other trees have been removed because of their weakened conditions due to environmental injuries such as weather damage, soil deficiency and root damage.

In order to preserve the older existing street trees, pruning, cabling and fertilizing have been a necessary preventive practice every year. There are still many trees in Ashfield requiring this care and as soon as possible these will get the proper attention.

New trees are planted each year to replace those that are removed. It is important however to plant these new trees at proper locations where they will survive and also benefit the community. Some times it is necessary to plant on private property with the owners permission in order to allow the best possible location. Realizing that diseases exist that affect certain trees it is advisable to plant a wide variety of new trees.

Ironically, tree removals have not been that disturbing to many people in the wake of the fuel energy shortage. Many resourceful Ash-fielders have used the wood from the removed tree to advantage in their stoves or fireplaces and in doing so have eliminated a dump problem.

SUMMARY 1974-1975

Elm tree removals	8
Maple tree removals	11
Other tree removals	5
Trees pruned	7
Trees cabled	2

Respectfully submitted,

RAMON R. SEARS

Tree Warden

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS REPORT

Nine petitions were filed with the Zoning Board of Appeals during 1974.

From these petitions, four business permits were granted; one request for a variance was withdrawn by the petitioner; one request for a variance was denied and three variances were granted.

Mr. William Schreiber has been appointed as an Associate Member of the Board. We extend our thanks to Clement H. Record for his help during his term as an Associate Member. The board acknowledges with regret and understanding the resignation of Associate Member, O. S. Grunden as of December 31, 1974.

Again we were fortunate in being able to retain Eleanor Ward as our clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

RALPH L. TOWSLEY, Chairman

KENNETH A. LILLY

ROBERT P. KING

Associate Members: William H. Schreiber, O. S. Grunden

REPORT OF PLANNING BOARD

To The Board Of Selectmen
and Residents of Ashfield:

Of primary importance in 1974 was the passage at a special town meeting on June 26, 1974 of amendments to our Protective By-Laws. These amendments, which were approved by the Attorney General on July 3, 1974, included increases in the minimum lot size from $\frac{1}{2}$ acre to 2 acres and in the minimum frontage from 150 ft. to 200 ft. The Board greatly appreciates the support provided by the Town Meeting in the passage of these improvements. We will continue and extend our studies in such areas as land use, water supply, sewage disposal, and transportation with the view toward recommending further improvements in the Protective By-Laws.

In April the Board approved its first formal application for a subdivision of land. Numerous informal requests for clarification and interpretation of the By-Laws were handled during the year.

The Board meet regularly on the first Wednesday of the month at the Town Hall at 8 P.M. and welcomes visitors.

Respectfully submitted,

DOUGLAS M. ANGLEMAN, Chairman
MRS. BEATRICE V. HOWES, Clerk
MRS. PAULINE J. NYE
RALPH S. PEASE
RAYYMOND T. CASSIDY

February 5, 1975

SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT OF FRANKLIN COUNTY COOPERATIVE BUILDING INSPECTOR PROGRAM

July 1, 1974 - December 31, 1974

During the first six months of FY 75 the Franklin Cooperative Building Inspector Program was in operation for three (3) months and four (4) days. During this period the Building Commissioner attended professional seminars, developed all administrative procedures for the new program, hired a secretary (Colleen Sackheim), located office space and purchased equipment, established a budget for FY 75, visited with most boards of Selectmen, and inspected various buildings in the towns.

Because of the programs and the laws newness I have devoted a considerable amount of time to pure public relations. Letters were mailed to all owners of businesses subject to the law, and to all attorneys, realtors and banks in the County. A meeting for all builders and interested persons is being planned for February 27, 1975, in an effort to provide further explanation of the Code to the public.

As I have come to understand the implications and impact of the Code I have taken affirmative action to effect changes at the state level and have in fact gone to Boston to discuss problems with the Code Commission. In my enforcement of the Code, I have and will try to back every order and suggestion, with reason and common sense. Although this procedure may not meet with full agreement at the state level, it is important to recognize that parts of the law apply to urban areas and when imposed upon rural communities can actually cause hardship. However, I cannot and will not compromise the safety of any person by neglecting full and fair enforcement of the law.

During the past several months the Franklin County Cooperative Building Inspector Program has become recognized throughout the area and the State as a professional and progressive agency. My office has received requests for and provided information to virtually all towns in the county. In addition, we have provided information to agencies in Worcester County and Dukes County. The Building Commissioner has been accepted as a professional member of the "Building Officials of Western Massachusetts" and has and will attend courses of instruction which can benefit the member towns.

The Franklin County Cooperative Building Inspector Program budget for FY 1976 will be based on the formula used for FY 75. This is necessary in that we do not have enough program experience to establish a new formula. A totally new formula will be arrived at for our FY 77 budget. This will be based on actual inspection activity in each town during the fiscal year 1975.

Expenses for the program as of December 31, 1974, excluding salaries were One Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Eight Dollars and Sixty Nine Cents (\$1,328.69). Salary not covered by the CETA program amounted to Five Hundred Dollars and Eleven Cents (\$500.11).

Respectfully submitted,

DEXTER T. BLISS
Building Commissioner

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REPORT OF VETERANS' SERVICE AGENT

To the Selectmen of the Town of Ashfield, Massachusetts:

Herewith is the report of the activities of this office. This being for the calendar year of 1974.

Office contacts totaled 2617 which was nearly identical to the total for 1973.

The following is a partial breakdown of services rendered.

SUMMARY OF SERVICES

Vietnam Bonus	76
Burial, Flags and Markers	151
Education	83
Employment	4
Pensions, Loans, Compensation, AIQ, Tax, Hospital and Clinic, Social Security, and Misc.	2182
Photo non-Veteran	78
Registration for Selective Service	43
Total	2617

We processed a total of 27 Vietnam Bonus applications during the year. Some, although not very many are unaware that they are eligible for this Bonus.

Having added 60 new Veterans Folders to our files we now have a total of 2715. Although there have been but nine pension and compensation applications filed with the Veterans Administration, we have been busy helping persons who are eligible for the Supplemental Security Income Program.

There were 12 Deaths of Veterans in the District during 1974. The Death of a Veteran involves the processing of several forms through the regional office of the Veterans Administration in Boston.

Veterans Benefits Program found us aiding 40 families consisting of 86 persons. Member towns expended \$37,171.47 during 1974. This shows a reduction which is brought about by the Supplemental Security Income Program.

EXPENDITURES BY CATEGORY

Ordinary Benefits	\$ 15,702.39
Fuel	\$ 3,121.83
Nursing Home	\$ 8,300.45

Doctor	\$ 1,774.50
Medical	\$ 4,112.45
Hospital	\$ 380.94
Dental	\$ 15.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 3,763.91
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	\$ 37,171.47

The District Office is located in Memorial Hall, Shelburne Falls.
It is open from 8:00 A.M., Monday thru Friday.

Phone number is 625-2000.

My personal thanks to the District Committee for their Cooperation. The Services Rendered by the Local Posts of the V.F.W. and the American Legion are greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

CLYDE H. CHURCHILL
Director and Veterans Agent

WESTERN FRANKLIN VETERANS' SERVICE CENTER

TREASURER'S REPORT JANUARY 1, 1974 - DECEMBER 31, 1974

Balance Jan. 1, 1974	\$ 5,119.76
Receipts Jan. 1, 1974 — June 30, 1974	
Town of Ashfield	\$ 554.40
Town of Charlemont	492.80
Town of Colrain	739.20
Town of Conway	431.20
Town of Monroe	308.00
Town of Plainfield	246.40
Town of Rowe	677.50
Town of Shelburne	1,293.60
Federal Withholding	378.80
State Withholding	91.68
County Retirement	222.84
Flag Sales	353.92
Photo Copies	6.70
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	\$ 5,797.14
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	\$ 10,916.90

Payments Jan. 1, 1974 — June 30, 1974

Salary - Director	\$ 4,025.00
Salary - Clerks	450.00
Salary - Treas.	50.00
Rent	300.00
Phone	159.15
Office Expense	211.59
Agent's Expense & Travel	156.70
Janitor	60.00
Treas. Bonds	12.00
Markers	43.08
Flags	632.64
Retirement Assessment	435.20
Federal Withholding	378.80
State Withholding	91.68
County Retirement	222.84
	<hr/> \$ 7,228.68

Balance June 30, 1974

\$ 3,688.22

OLIVE E. WOOD. Treas.

Receipts July 1, 1974 — Dec. 31, 1974

Town of Buckland	\$ 2,665.95
Town of Heath	380.85
Town of Shelburne	3,046.80
Town of Plainfield	253.90
Photo Copies	8.55
Federal Withholding	439.60
State Withholding	115.68
Retirement	227.00
Flags & Markers	397.97
	<hr/> \$ 7,536.30
	<hr/> \$ 11,224.52

Payments July 1, 1974 — Dec. 31, 1974

Salary — Director	\$ 4,250.04
Salary — Clerk	292.00
Rent	300.00
Phone	141.85
Office Expense	296.83
Agent's Travel & Expense	204.87
Janitor	60.00
Retirement Assessment	879.00
Flags	29.76
Federal Withholding	367.00
State Withholding	57.84
Retirement	188.40
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	\$ 7,067.59
Balance Dec. 31, 1974	<hr/>
	\$ 4,156.93

OLIVE E. WOOD, Treas.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Education at Sanderson Academy is like hot soup; it stimulates the appetite and so it is with the children. School spirit and enthusiasm are high. If one had attended the ceremony when Mrs. Booker received the Weigand Award for excellence in teaching and heard the spontaneous applause and "hoorays" by the students, they would be convinced of this fact.

Other stimuli are the Mexican Exchange Program, Earth Week, field trips, band instruments and the PTO Christmas Fair. But, all is not fun and games.

Mrs. Merritt, reading supervisor for the nine town area is continually improving the reading program, beginning at kindergarten level with the reading program, Beginnings by Lippincott; the new Book Mark Series for the 4th and 6th grade right through 8th grade at Mohawk. Mrs. Conant has upgraded the language arts block which includes reading, penmanship, spelling and writing. The Health Curriculum has been integrated with the Science and Social Studies classes. We all agree at Sanderson that a properly motivated student will learn more and retain more of what he learns.

Principal Martha Conant, in a letter to Superintendent Arthur Silvester, concerning Sanderson stated, "Sanderson has made great strides forward in cohesive cooperation between staff, administration and school committee. This in effect brings a feeling of goodwill and willingness by the faculty to make a greater effort to work for the overall benefit of the children in the school." We cannot add or detract from this statement.

There are two new teachers, Mrs. Cyril Dratfield and Mr. Jeffrey Wood. Music, instrumental, art and physical education teachers are shared with Rowe and Hawlemont Regional schools. The cafeteria staff provides an excellent lunch program. Mr. Richard Arabia is the new custodian following the resignation of Walter Zalenski when he became the full time Police Chief.

Speaking of soup, we are trying to stay out of it fiscal-wise. Our budget has the lowest percentage increase in the area. Inflation has taken its toll. Tuition from Plainfield students contributes greatly and we can operate more effectively and efficiently with them. Plainfield students and parents are becoming a part of Sanderson Academy. Their contributions to activities are greatly appreciated. Teachers, in furthering this unity, will hold teacher workshops in Plainfield.

Mrs. Dorothy Craft, school committee member, resigned last

March after 29 years of service. Mrs. Sandra Gallerani was appointed by the selectmen and the school committee to fill the unexpired term.

The only gloom or uncertainty on the horizon is the proposal put forth by the Massachusetts Advisory Council on Education to abolish school unions. If such legislation is passed by the General Court, Ashfield will lose its local school committee. The town will have two options: conversion to an elementary region with one school committee or consolidation into K-12 regional district. They use terms as inefficiency and inequality for reason of such action. We have difficulty grasping the meaning of efficiency from men who work for an organization that plan on a huge deficit. Do the parents have any right in determining what is equal for their children? It seems strange that when we are on the eve of celebrating our bicentennial we have pending legislation that would require more taxation with less representation.

The Ashfield School Committee wishes to thank the PTO, Lions Club and many individuals for their contributions of time and money for the education and welfare of the students. We welcome any constructive criticism to improve education at Sanderson Academy.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT ROBERTSON,
Chairman

BARBARA V. ZALENSKI
SANDRA E. GALLERANI

REPORT OF SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

Because of the ravages of inflation and a general desire to keep costs at a minimum where such economies will not affect the educational offerings for our students, this published annual report will be brief. A MORE DETAILED REPORT IS ON FILE WITH THE TOWN CLERKS AND THE PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN OUR SEVERAL TOWNS.

A milestone in Massachusetts education this year is Chapter 766 of the Acts of 1973. This act requires the development of individual programs for all children who have any special needs. It has already required the additional employment of four full-time teaching specialists throughout the nine-town area and will no doubt require more as a result of clinical examinations. As set up by the General Court, the funding of this act is essentially a local responsibility. In past years the Commonwealth paid fifty percent of the costs of special education and one hundred percent of the costs for children requiring residential maintenance. Under the 766 law, "state support" comes from each town's Chapter 70 entitlements. So in effect the greater the costs of special education the less state money will be available for the support of general education. A new ruling by the State Department of Education in the closing weeks of 1974 was the promise that regional school districts would directly receive those reimbursements to which they were entitled under the Chapter 766 law. Early indications are that the financial impact of the new special education law upon school budgets will approximate six percent or more. An act, Chapter 720, passed in the closing days of the 1974 legislative session requires school departments to monitor Chapter 766 costs and report them to the Department of Education in December. Presumably this requirement came about because legislators were concerned about the financial implications of the law and intend to review the funding aspects of it during the 1975 legislative session.

From an educational point of view the effects of this law are far reaching and it will probably take considerable time for the persons directly involved to become thoroughly knowledgeable as to what is or is not required.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR P. SILVESTER

REPORT OF SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Mr. Arthur P. Silvester
Superintendent of Schools
17 Bridge Street
Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts 01370

I hereby submit my report as Principal of Sanderson Academy for the school year 1974-1975.

Enrollment — November 1, 1974

<i>Grade</i>	<i>Boys</i>	<i>Girls</i>	<i>Total</i>
K	13	12	25
1	14	18	32
2	12	5	17
3	14	15	29
4	12	13	25
5	14	14	28
6	17	18	35
	—	—	—
Totals	96	95	191

Faculty and Staff

This year the Sanderson Academy Faculty includes eleven teachers and three part-time special instructors.

Mr. Jeff Wood was hired to replace Mrs. Elizabeth Beebe who found it necessary to take a year's leave of absence. Ms. Katherine Rutherford, sixth grade teacher resigned, and Mrs. Cyril Dratfield was hired for that position. The three new part-time supervisors are Mrs. Jessica Swist, Art; Mrs. Marietta Kincannon, Music; and Mr. John Wheeler, Physical Education. Due to implementation of Chapter 766 Sanderson has four new part-time staff members. Mrs. Susan Louisignau is Coordinator of Special Education; Mrs. Anne Finck, psychologist; Mr. Eugene Donovan, Guidance Counselor; and Mrs. Cathy Rogers, Special Education Teacher.

Mrs. Beverly Williams was hired as an Aide, her time divided between the Library and Special Help. Mrs. Theresa Cassidy is also a part-time Library Aide working twelve hours a week.

Mr. Richard Arabia was hired as our new Custodian replacing Mr. Walter Zalenski who left with much regret on both sides.

Instruction

The ungraded reading program was again extended this year to include all of the Language Arts Skills — Reading, English, Penmanship and Spelling. The ungraded Math Program has also been con-

tined. A new Health Curriculum has been introduced into our school program this year.

A series of district wide workshops to help teachers implement the new Health Curriculum were given in the Fall. In addition, workshops for our own teachers have also been implemented to keep the teachers abreast of the ramifications of Chapter 766 and also to be made aware of new programs in education today.

The Library continues to grow in number of volumes. Two new record players, an eight millimeter camera and projector, a film strip projector, two cassette recorders and new head sets were also purchased.

An Exchange Program with Colegio Hamilton, a bilingual school in Mexico City was instituted. Fifteen Mexican students and their teacher visited our school and lived in homes in Ashfield and Plainfield. Eight of our students and a teacher visited Mexico and Colegio Hamilton in April.

The Sanderson P.T.O. has been most helpful with all programs in the school and were instrumental in helping to make the Exchange Program the success it was. Parents have volunteered to work in both our library and during the noon recess and we are most grateful for all their support.

We would like to thank the Ashfield Lions Club who gave a colored television set to the school and built an ice skating area for our children.

Maintenance

Last spring three classrooms, the cafeteria and office were painted. The lockers were also painted and repaired. New curtains were installed in two classrooms.

In closing, I would like to thank all the faculty, staff, children, parents and citizens of the town who have been so cooperative and generous in making this school year a success.

Respectfully submitted,

MARTHA A. CONANT
Principal

SCHOOL NURSE'S REPORT

School nursing services are provided on a part time basis by the nursing agency, known as The Ashfield, Conway, Sunderland, Whately Nursing Agency.

School health services envelopes first aid, assisting with medical histories and school examinations, screening testing, health counseling, immunization clinics, health programs, record keeping, and follow-up to assure effective action on findings and recommendations of the school health program.

Physical examinations have been completed by Dr. Galbo in grades 3 and the transitional class. A few minor defects were detected.

A yearly dental care educational program is held for the primary grades.

A menstrual educational film was shown to the 5th and 6th grade girls. A film designed to inform boys of their growth and development has been approved by the school committee and will be initiated this spring.

Vision and hearing screening testing is done annually with all students. Many failures were found and referred for follow-up examinations.

An immunization clinic was held for grades K-6 and pre-schoolers. 21 doses of German Measles vaccine and 29 doses of Mumps vaccine were given. We find that our school children are well immunized against the communicable diseases.

Tuberculin testing of the school personnel is now the responsibility of the school nurse.

Many programs and meetings relating to school health were attended.

My thanks to all for their cooperation and assistance with the school health program.

LORRAINE STRIPPE
School Nurse

EXPENDITURES

January 1, 1974 — June 30, 1974

ADMINISTRATION

School Committee Expense:

Recorder Publishing	\$ 15.05	
E. A. Hall Company	15.21	
Day's Store	3.56	
	<hr/>	\$ 33.82

Administrators:

Salaries	\$ 1,407.38	
Travel	213.87	
Clerical	1,968.59	
	<hr/>	\$ 3,589.84

INSTRUCTION

Supervisors Expense:

Sheila Merritt, Salary	1,011.77	
Susan Silvester, salary	54.00	
Laurel Moat	121.25	
Sheila Merritt, Travel	65.27	
Susan Silvester, Travel	32.56	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,284.85

Principal's Expense:

Martha Conant, Salary	\$ 5,649.93	
Clerical	1,645.60	
Principal's Supplies	274.00	
Principal's Other Expense	33.90	
	<hr/>	\$ 7,603.43

Teachers' Salaries:

Vernon Avera	\$ 4,249.96	
Lenore Berson Glaser	2,076.84	
Margaret Booker	3,949.92	
Vivien Fuller	4,249.96	
Mary Hall	4,249.96	
Carol Law	2,635.56	
Alice Libby	4,049.89	
John MacInnis	1,644.89	
Joanne Ostrowski	3,749.98	
Katherine Rutherford	4,099.94	
Ida Sloan	4,149.99	
Landa Goldwasser	2,280.16	
Elizabeth Beebe	1,540.72	
Irene Smiarowski	3,399.89	
	<hr/>	\$ 46,327.66

Substitute Teachers:

Susan McGowan	378.00	
Sandra Paverman	2,337.50	
Elizabeth Beebe	36.00	
David Moir	45.00	
Christine Pinney	36.00	
Holly Seward	72.00	
Kathleen O'Donnell	72.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,976.50

Teacher Aides:

Gladys Kendrick	1,487.98	
Janice Rosenbaum	843.21	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,331.19

Teaching Supplies:

K-6	4,023.93	
Art	942.44	
Music	46.80	
Physical Education	341.63	
Special Education	187.96	
	<hr/>	\$ 5,542.76

Teachers' Other Expense:

Conferences	58.75	
In-Service Workshops	69.18	
	<hr/>	\$ 127.93

Teaching Expenses, Special Education:

Judith Dabkowski	3,599.96	
Janice Rosenbaum	296.25	
Franklin County Public Hospital	2,119.01	
	<hr/>	\$ 6,015.22

Textbooks:

Dictionaries	30.52	
Reading	1,001.76	
Music	97.00	
Special Education	—	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,129.28

Library Services:

Aides Salaries		
Janice Rosenbaum	67.54	
Glenda Henery	277.89	
Books, Magazines	597.49	
Supplies	96.10	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,039.02

<i>Audio-Visual:</i>			
Materials and Supplies	678.57		
Postage	10.00		
	<hr/>	\$	688.57
<i>Testing Services:</i>			
Scoring	\$ 81.00	\$	81.00
<i>Psychological Services:</i>			
Cathy Stockwell	\$ 60.00	\$	60.00
OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES			
<i>Attendance Officer:</i>	\$ 7.50	\$	7.50
<i>Health Services:</i>			
Physician's Salary	200.00		
Supplies	14.72		
	<hr/>	\$	214.72
<i>Transportation:</i>			
C. W. Ward Contracted	15,370.00		
C. W. Ward Field Trip	490.00		
	<hr/>	\$	15,860.00
<i>Food Services:</i>			
Cafeteria Manager's Salary	\$ 1,624.08	\$	1,624.08
<i>School Assemblies:</i>	\$ 125.00	\$	125.00
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF PLANT			
<i>Custodial Salary:</i>			
Walter Zalenski	3,417.50		
Laurie Dufresne	543.20		
Seth Hall	457.77		
	<hr/>	\$	4,418.47
<i>Custodial Supplies:</i>			
E. L. Canter	\$ 979.40	\$	979.40
<i>Fuel:</i>	\$ 3,495.19	\$	3,495.19
<i>Utilities:</i>			
Water	112.50		
Electricity	1,940.60		
Telephone	271.64		
	<hr/>	\$	2,324.74
<i>Maintenance of Grounds:</i>			
C. W. Ward	160.00		
Roger E. Pollen	150.00		
Keyes Hardware	1.30		
	<hr/>	\$	311.30

Maintenance of Building. Contracted Services:

S. J. Jamrog	210.95	
Don Ward	10.50	
Willis Thayer	20.62	
Roger Pollen	61.80	
William Gray	1,489.26	
L. H. T. V. Appliance	251.20	
Valley Tank Company, Inc.	95.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,139.33

Maintenance of Building, Supplies and Materials:

Keyes Hardware	57.29	
Hampshire Lumber	85.00	
Norm's Service Station	3.00	
Walter Zalenski	1.25	
American Standard Wholesale	41.27	
	<hr/>	\$ 187.81

Maintenance of Equipment. Contracted Services:

Gregoire Harpsichord	27.00	
Refrigeration Services	14.00	
E. L. Canter	14.50	
Gribbon's Band Instruments	17.00	
Stanley Clark	17.50	
Gary Whittman	4.50	
South Deerfield Fire Equipment	8.10	
	<hr/>	\$ 102.60

Maintenance of Equipment, Supplies and Materials:

Norm's Service Station	1.80	
Rugg Lumber	57.83	
Sears, Roebuck & Company	5.69	
Valley Camera Supply	8.94	
	<hr/>	\$ 74.26

FIXED CHARGES

Rental of Garage:

Clifton E. Pease	\$ 187.50
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ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS

New Equipment:

Kirby Office Equipment Company	22.95	
Hampshire Lumber Company	19.77	
Valley Camera Supply	170.55	
Childcraft Corporation	12.31	
J. L. Hammett Company	268.50	
New England School Supply	276.00	
Department of Correction	210.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 980.08

<i>Replacement of Equipment:</i>		
Holyoke Equipment Company	269.50	
G. E. Purinton, Inc.	87.95	
Valley Camera Supply	44.00	
New England School Supply	69.85	
	<hr/>	\$ 471.30
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TOTAL:		\$112,334.35

EXPENDITURES

July 1, 1975 — December 31, 1975

ADMINISTRATION

<i>School Committee Expense:</i>		
Elmer's Store	1.09	
Robert Robertson	.84	
	<hr/>	\$ 1.93
<i>Administrators:</i>		
Salaries	1,553.14	
Travel	111.95	
Clerical	2,100.01	
	<hr/>	\$ 3,765.10

INSTRUCTION

<i>Supervisors' Expense</i>		
Sheila Merritt, Salary	984.68	
Susan Silvester, Salary	36.00	
Laurel Moat	205.98	
Sheila Merritt, Travel	42.06	
Susan Silvester, Travel	28.12	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,296.84
<i>Principal's Expense</i>		
Martha Conant Salary	5,896.21	
Clerical	1,546.88	
Principal's Supplies	53.38	
Principal's Other Expense	22.50	
	<hr/>	\$ 7,518.97
<i>Teachers' Salaries:</i>		
Vernon Avera	4,434.60	
Margaret Booker	4,134.64	
Vivien Fuller	4,434.60	
Mary Hall	4,434.60	

Alice Libby	4,234.67	
John MacInnis	632.65	
Joanne Ostrowski	3,934.76	
Katherine Rutherford	1,576.90	
Ida Sloan	4,334.75	
Irene Smiarowski	3,584.67	
Syril Dratfield	2,215.44	
Lenore Glaser	987.72	
Marietta Kincannon	1,084.74	
Jessica Swist	1,084.74	
John Wheeler	922.08	
Jeffrey Wood	2,492.46	
	<hr/>	\$ 44,524.02
<i>Substitute Teachers' Salaries:</i>		
Susan McGowan	154.26	
Ruth Hane	36.00	
Katherine Rutherford	9.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 199.26
<i>Teacher Aides:</i>		
Gladys Kendrick	1,063.36	
Beverly Williams	753.50	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,816.86
<i>Teaching Supplies:</i>		
K-6	779.29	
Art	21.19	
Music		
Physical Education	42.00	
Special Education	44.23	
	<hr/>	\$ 886.71
<i>Teachers' Other Expense:</i>		
Professional Books	25.24	
Open House	5.22	
	<hr/>	\$ 30.46
<i>Teaching Expense Special Education:</i>		
Judith Dabkowski	3,815.48	
Cathey Rogers	412.56	
Tutoring	137.50	
Beverly Williams	202.40	
Franklin County Public Hospital	1,018.50	
	<hr/>	\$ 5,586.44
<i>Textbooks:</i>		
Reading	64.91	
Social Studies	30.28	

Math	31.54		
Physical Education	5.98		
	<hr/>	\$	132.71
<i>Library Services:</i>			
Theresa Cassidy, Salary	378.00		
Books, Magazines	165.92		
Supplies	64.72		
	<hr/>	\$	608.64
<i>Audio-Visual:</i>			
Supplies and Materials	\$ 89.59	\$	89.59
<i>Guidance:</i>			
Eugene Donovan, Salary	1,028.94		
Testing Materials	172.69		
Testing Materials, spec. ed.	76.25		
	<hr/>	\$	1,277.88
<i>Psychological:</i>			
Anne Finck, Salary	\$ 655.92	\$	655.92
OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES			
<i>Health Services:</i>			
Supplies and Materials	\$ 13.47	\$	13.47
<i>Pupil Transportation:</i>			
C. W. Ward, Inc.	\$ 10,730.00	\$	10,730.00
<i>Food Services:</i>			
Cafeteria Manager, Salary	\$ 1,839.86	\$	1,839.86
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF PLANT			
<i>Custodial Salary:</i>			
Walter Zalenski	131.25		
Richard Arabia	3,846.16		
	<hr/>	\$	3,977.41
<i>Custodial Supplies:</i>			
E. L. Canter	\$ 177.83	\$	177.83
Other Expense	\$ 20.64	\$	20.64
Fuel	\$ 2,442.78	\$	2,442.78
<i>Utilities</i>			
Waetr	\$ 112.50		
Electricity	1,955.75		
Telephone	151.65		
	<hr/>	\$	2,219.90
<i>Maintenance of Building, Contracted Services</i>			
Vernon Avera	\$ 25.00		
Commonwealth of Massachusetts	15.00		

Roger E. Pollen	80.00	
Pyrofax Gas	13.35	
Don Ward	44.37	
Filter Sales & Service	32.40	
S. J. Jamrog	377.54	
Willis Thayer	44.15	
Eugene Poissant	372.00	
Schechterle Roofing	485.00	
William Gray	40.00	
Rugg Lumber	132.00	
		\$ 1,660.81

Maintenance of Building, Supplies and Materials

Keyes Hardware	\$ 38.40	
Standard Industrial Supply	62.66	
Ruth Rice	4.10	
Wilson's	206.34	
E. L. Canter	141.50	
Sanderson Activity Fund	157.59	
		\$ 610.59

Maintenance of Equipment, Contracted Services

Ashfield Motor Sales	\$ 6.65	
So. Deerfield Fire Equipment Co.	42.25	
R. D. Snively	27.00	
Greenfield Vocational School	622.82	
Valley Camera Supply	31.80	
James Colson	10.95	
Gary Wittman	12.84	
		\$ 754.31

Maintenance of Equipment, Supplies and Materials

E. L. Canter	\$ 49.00	
Day's Market	1.44	
Valley Camera Supply	9.95	
		\$ 60.39

ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS

New Equipment

New England School Supply	\$ 2.61	
Valley Camera Supply	332.50	
Gribbon's Band Instruments	110.00	
		\$ 445.11

New Equipment, Special Education

Childcraft Education Corp.	\$ 4.40	
Arthur Pantermehl	345.00	
		\$ 349.40

Replacement of Equipment

So. Deerfield Fire Equipment	\$	216.00	
J. L. Hammett Company		45.00	
Valley Camera Supply		42.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 303.00

TOTAL: \$ 93,996.83

ESEA — TITLE II

LIBRARY

RECEIPTS:

Bureau of Library Extension		
State Department of Education	\$	405.24

EXPENSES:

Aims Instructional Medio Services, Inc.	\$	100.50	
Colonial Williamsburg Foundation		16.00	
Eye Gate House		27.50	
Fideler		254.89	
SVE—Society for Visual Education, Inc.		6.35	
		<hr/>	\$ 405.24

Balance on Hand December 31, 1974: \$.00

HOT LUNCH FUND

RECEIPTS:

Balance on Hand, January 1, 1974		\$ (28.96)
Adult Lunchroom Sales	\$	1,395.63
Student Lunchroom Sales		6,756.89
U.S.D.A. Reimbursement		8,001.82
Other Receipts		50.93
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		\$ 16,205.27
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		\$ 16,176.31

EXPENSES:

Food	\$	5,972.66	
Milk		2,918.71	
Labor		3,285.02	
Supplies		222.23	
Equipment		812.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 13,210.62

CASH BALANCE On Hand December 31, 1974: \$ 2,965.69

MUSIC REVOLVING FUND

CASH ON HAND January 1, 1974	\$ 136.00
RECEIPTS:	
Rental of Instruments	110.00
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	\$ 246.00
EXPENSES:	
Richard Hurlburt (Used Trombone)	75.00
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CASH ON HAND December 31, 1974	\$ 171.00

NO SCHOOL SIGNAL

The "NO SCHOOL" announcements are made over the following radio stations:

WHA1	Greenfield
WHMP	Northampton
WMNB	North Adams
WHYN	Springfield
WTTT	Amherst
WTIC	Hartford, Connecticut

The report of the Superintendent of Schools is submitted as the report of the Ashfield School Committee.

ROBERT ROBERTSON, Chairman
BARBARA ZALENSKI
SANDRA GALLERANI

Treasurer's Report

Mohawk Trail Regional School District Committee

To: The Mohawk Trail Regional School District Committee

From: F. Newton Miller, Treasurer

The following report covers the financial operations of the Mohawk Trail Regional School District for the year 1974. It is notable that, for the first time, temporary loans were not needed and interest charges

were eliminated. On the other hand, about \$26,000 was earned in interest on our invested funds. The regular town assessments received include about \$250,000 in 1974 as the 3rd payment of the 1974-75 budget. A supplementary assessment was made in October, covering expenses under Chapter 766, which were paid by the nine towns and they were reimbursed 100% by the Commonwealth.

January 1, 1974 — Cash on Hand \$ 178,197.06

Received:

Town Assessments - Regular Budget	\$ 1,646,877.24
Town Assessments - Special Chap. 766	22,279.33
Certificates of Deposit	1,450,000.00

Commonwealth of Mass. Reimbursements:

Transportation	137,898.92
School Building Assistance	53,866.06
School Lunch	22,698.71
Title II	1,393.00
Special Education Program	35,671.00
Voc. Education - Transportation	2,140.00
Voc. Education - Maintenance	12,124.00
Voc. Education - Tuition	15,166.00
P.L. 92-319 - Handicapped	500.00
Distributive Education	250.00
Food Management Program	24,486.00
Payroll Deductions	276,945.21

Revolving Funds

Lunch	58,029.32
Athletics	6,607.19
Music	1,740.60
Reimbursement to 5000 Account	911.88
Evening School Fees	1,105.00
Interest on Certificates of Deposit	25,990.98
Shop Projects	29.10
New England Telephone Commissions	239.77
Use of Buildings	278.62
Use of Materials	40.01
Damage to Buildings	13.00
Lost and Damaged Books	341.05
Blue Cross-Blue Shield Reimbursement	11.58
Tuition	1,259.67
Refunds	566.95
Checks on which payment was stopped	69.83
Sale of Equipment	195.00
Lunch collected in error	
(Com. of Mass.)	789.57
Holding Account	12.50

Construction Reimbursement	694.91	
Miscellaneous	89.20	
Total Receipts:	\$ 3,801,311.20	
Total Cash and Receipts		\$ 3,979,508.26
Paid:		
Certificates of Deposit	\$ 1,415,000.00	
Treasury Bills	231,682.53	
Debt Retirement and Debt Service	212,600.00	
Operations:		
Administration	54,479.37	
Instruction	836,988.88	
Other School Services	242,057.14	
Oper. and Maint. of Plant	139,747.26	
Fixed Charges	43,890.89	
Community Services	147.99	
Acquisition of Fixed Assets	17,214.35	
Vocational Education:		
Transportation	35,335.14	
Tuition - Day	29,085.49	
Tuition - Evening	30.00	
Tuition - Practical Arts	195.00	
Evening School	4,740.50	
Distributive Education	9,831.24	
Rent	1,200.00	
Payroll Deductions	276,333.79	
Revolving Funds:		
Lunch	73,031.89	
Athletics	5,133.73	
Music	1,965.69	
Title II	2,837.38	
Title V	511.62	
Holding Account	12.50	
Total Payments:		\$ 3,634,052.38
Cash on Hand — January 1, 1975		345,455.88
Total Cash and Payments:		\$ 3,979,508.26
Other Assets on hand as of January 1, 1975:		
Certificates of Deposit (The Country Bank)	135,000.00	
U.S. Government Treasury Bills	231,682.53	

Respectfully submitted,

F. NEWTON MILLER, Treasurer

TOWN WARRANT

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Franklin, ss:

To any of the Constables of the Town of Ashfield, in the County of Franklin, Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and Town Affairs, to meet in the Town Hall, in said Ashfield, on Saturday, the fifth day of April next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon then and there to act on the following articles:

ART. 1. To choose a Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Auditor and Tree Warden for One year. One Selectman and Member of the Board of Public Welfare, One Assessor, One Member of the Ashfield School Committee and One Park Commissioner for Three years. One Library Trustee and One Planning Board Member for Five years. All on one ballot and to choose all other necessary Town Officers. Polls may be closed at 3:00 P.M.

ART. 2. To act on the reports of the Town Officers.

ART. 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the use of the Tree Warden to include necessary spraying, or act relative thereto.

ART. 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for the use of the Board of Health.

ART. 5. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$29,716.00 under Chapter 1140, Section 20 of the General Laws, Acts of 1973, for a Special Highway Fund to be used for construction, reconstruction, resurfacing, etc., as prescribed in said section or act relative thereto.

ART. 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,251.00 to be used for highway construction and/or improvement under Chapter 765 of the General Laws, Acts of 1972. Said money to be reimbursed under Chapter 765 of the General Laws Acts of 1972.

ART. 7. To see if the Town will vote to accept the sum of \$19,570.00 under Chapter 825, Section 1 of the General Laws, Acts of 1974, and transfer said amount to a General Highway Fund, or act relative thereto.

ART. 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$23,000.00 under Chapter 497 of the General Laws, Acts of 1971, to go into a General Highway Fund. Said money to be reimbursed under Chapter 497 of the General Laws, Acts of 1971.

ART. 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000.00 for Winter Roads, or act relative thereto.

ART. 10. To see if the Town will vote to appoint the Selectmen and Assessors as the Finance Committee or take any action relative thereto.

ART. 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the following departments for the 1976 Fiscal Year. The following sums are recommended by the Finance Committee:

Assessors' Expenses	\$ 1,200.00
Bonds	500.00
Care of Soldiers' Graves	175.00
Census & Street Listing	.....
Elections	300.00
Fires & Equipment	3,400.00
Franklin County Retirement System	11,204.00
Heating Town Hall & Fire House	1,600.00
Highway Dept. — Paid Vacations & Holidays	3,810.00
Highway Dept. — Sick Leave	1,280.00
Inspection of Animals	125.00
Insurance of Town Buildings & Equipment	.....
Office Expense	5,500.00
Printing Town Reports & Ballots	.....
Registrars	150.00
Street Lights	2,700.00
Town Counsel	1,000.00
Town Dump	5,800.00
Town Hall	2,000.00

Town Officers	7,000.00
Veterans' Benefits	2,500.00
Western Franklin Veterans' Center, Maintenance	.....
Workmen's Compensation	2,500.00

ART. 12. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning July 1, 1975, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

ART. 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than the sum of \$275.00 for Memorial Day, or act relative thereto.

ART. 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than the sum of \$1,000.00 for Park & Beach Maintenance, or act relative thereto.

ART. 15. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to contract with the Ashfield Water Company for the use of hydrants for fire protection and to raise and appropriate not more than the sum of \$400.00 for that purpose.

ART. 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than the sum of \$1,500.00 for a Life Guard and a Swimming Instructor for the Town Beach.

ART. 17. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of any used Town Owned equipment, or act relative thereto.

ART. 18. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the Machinery Earnings for the six-month period from July 1, 1974 through December 31, 1974 (10,118.00) and the unexpended balance of the Machinery Expense Account as of June 30, 1975 to the 1976 Fiscal Year Machinery Expense Account to be used for the purpose of purchasing, repairing and operating road machinery, or act relative thereto.

ART. 19. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 from Overlay Surplus for a Reserve Fund, or act relative thereto.

ART. 20. To see if the Town will vote to accept the list of jurors as prepared by the Selectmen.

ART. 21. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the 1974 Ambulance Earnings & Gifts (\$1,712.50) and the balance of the 1974 Ambulance Maintenance Fund (\$2,575.17) to the 1975 Ambulance Maintenance Fund to be used to maintain, equip and eventually replace the Town Ambulance, or act relative thereto.

ART. 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for the use of the Conservation Commission.

ART. 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used for the purchase of a Fire Truck and necessary equipment, or act relative thereto.

ART. 24. To see if the Town will vote to dispose of the Fire Department's Engine #2, or act relative thereto.

ART. 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than the sum of \$2,890.00 for the Town's share of the expenses of the Ashfield-Sunderland-Whately-Conway Public Health District, or act relative thereto.

ART. 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for the operations of the Ashfield Police Department, or act relative thereto.

ART. 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,000.00 to pay the salary of the Police Chief.

ART. 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$220,244.62 (Operating, \$184,186.43; Capital, \$17,909.50; Vocational, \$18,148.69) to pay the Town's share of the 1975-76 capital cost, operating and vocational budget of the Mohawk Trail Regional School.

ART. 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than the sum of \$254,204.00 for the support of public and vocational schools.

ART. 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50.00 for Civil Defense.

ART. 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 for the Salary and Expenses of the Director of Civil Defense, or act relative thereto.

ART. 32. To see if the Town will vote to raise not more than the sum of \$800.00 to paint a portion of the Town Hall and to authorize the Selectmen and the Town Treasurer to draw on the Frederick A. Cross General Purpose Fund for this amount, or act relative thereto.

ART. 33. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than the sum of \$3,500.00 for the general operations of the Belding Memorial Library, and to accept any state or federal aid, or act relative thereto.

ART. 34. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,352.00 to pay Ashfield's Share of the Franklin County Cooperative Building Inspector Program, or act relative thereto.

ART. 35. (This Article by Petition) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$137.81 to reimburse the Ashfield Historical Society, Inc. for one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of the Real Estate Tax paid by the Society in 1974.

NOTE: This warrant appears as a matter of information. The Official Town Warrant may contain changes and/or additions.

EDWARD W. SCOTT
RALPH L. HOWES
RUSSELL V. LOOMIS

Selectmen of Ashfield



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